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ENGLAND FREEZES!

38 DEGREES OF FROST IN HEREFORD.

TERRIBLE HARDSHIPS TOLD IN EUROPEAN CABLES.

SENTRY DEAD AT POST.

The Arctic is tightening its grip on the British Isles and abnormal frost is reported from all over the country. The most sensational report comes from Ross-on-Wye in Herefordshire, where the thermometer registered 38 degrees of frost!

Railway services have been interrupted, and householders have been considerably discomfited by the bursting of water pipes.

Even the beach at Brighton is covered with ice—an unprecedented happening.

Terrible stories of winter's hardship are reaching London from ice-bound Europe, one of the grimmest tragedies occurring on the Rhine where the French Army is stationed, a sentry being found at his post frozen to death.

The intense cold may be estimated from the fact that the inner harbour at Dieppe has been frozen over, while the harbour at Antwerp is rendered dangerous by small ice-bergs.

SOUTH WALES VALLEYS SNOWED UP.

London, Feb. 13.

The severe frost which has caused great hardship in the British Isles, continued to-day, and with a bitter east wind still blowing strongly, its effect seemed to be even greater.

Thermometer readings were even lower than yesterday when twelve degrees of frost were registered in London, but London is experiencing comparatively mild weather by comparison with Wales, where treacherous cold is being felt.

38 Degrees of Frost!

Ross-on-Wye in Herefordshire, however, seems to be the coldest place in the country. The thermometer there to-day showed a ground temperature of six degrees below zero Fahrenheit, or thirty-eight degrees of frost!

Ice has begun to form on the Thames in the high reaches. Other rivers are rapidly freezing over, while canals, lakes and ponds are generally ice-bound.

Householders are finding their chief discomfort in the freezing of water-pipes. This was the subject of general complaint to-day.

Water Pipes Bursting.

All over London, the Metropolitan Water Board are fixing stand-pipes in the streets and house-wives come with buckets and kettles and obtain water from the main. Thousands of frozen pipes are bursting and causing damage.

Skating was general all over the British Isles to-day and this is the only compensation for the frost which seems to be steadily intensifying.

A number of deaths due to the bitter cold are reported to-day, while quite a large number of people have been injured by the explosion of domestic boilers.

The roads in South Wales are practically impassable, and the distressed miners are having an extremely bad time as most of the mining valleys are snowed up.

Brighton Beach Iced.

At least a hundred motor-cars are embedded in snowdrifts round Stranraer, where two marooned trains had to be dug out.

The most extraordinary result of the frost, however, is that the beach at Brighton is covered with ice, a circumstances quite unprecedented in Brighton history!

Meanwhile, reports of acute distress at the Arctic wave come from everywhere in Europe. Fifty deaths due to the cold occurred in the Balkans to-day, while in Germany where the cold had been most intense for more than a week, thirty-seven further deaths are attributed to the frost.

Dieppe Harbour Frozen.

France is now almost frost-bound. The inner harbour at Dieppe is frozen over!

The Riviera is under seven inches of snow, while even the rapid flowing Rhone and the lagoons of Venice are freezing.

The mortuaries at Prague are crowded with bodies, and it has been necessary to dig graves with dynamite.

The hospitals in Poland and the Baltic States are overflowing with frost-bite cases, and the Finnish Government has agreed, at the request of the Danish and Swedish Governments to send an ice-breaker to open a channel ot the North Sea, though the absence of one ice-breaker is almost certain to mean the temporary sealing-up of Helsingfors.

Baltic Mishaps.

Calls for assistance have been received at Leningrad from a hundred ships that are lying in a precarious position ice-bound in the Baltic, and a number of Soviet ice-breakers are departing on a relief expedition.

The numerous stories of winter hardships that keep flowing in from all over the Continent make mention of the distressing condition of about 200,000 unemployed in Vienna, where the bitter cold is causing intense suffering among the poorer classes.

The Austrian Government is taking active relief measures and is establishing military field kitchens, dispensing free meals twice daily. The bakers have opened free bread kitchens in the city, while the authorities have increased the distribution of free coal and wood, while more shelters are being established for the homeless.

Avalanches in Italy.

The majority of the country schools have been closed. Vienna, like London, is suffering severely as the result of burst pipes which have affected both the water and the gas supplies.

From Rome, it is reported that heavy snowstorms are holding up or delaying seriously all train and motor-omnibus services.

Three avalanches near Farbiano, in the Province of Ancona, have buried the railway lines to a depth of 21 feet.

French Sentry Frozen.

The death of a French soldier on sentry-go is reported from Wiesbaden. The French inspecting-officer going his rounds found the man frozen to death. There have been a score of other deaths from the cold in West Germany.

The sentries of the British Army on the Rhine have been issued with pull-overs and sheep-skin coats.

From Budapest, it is learned that the heavy snowfall has completely dislocated traffic, and that coal and food supplies are running short.

Wolves entered the outskirts of towns in Transylvania and devoured cattle.

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NEW TOBACCO DUTIES.

BEST CIGARETTES MAY BE CHEAPER.

IMPOSSIBLE TO KILL SALES MADE AT LOSS.

OPINIONS ON CHANGES.

From enquiries made locally to-day regarding the new tobacco duties which came into force yesterday, it appears that there will be comparatively little effect as far as the general public is concerned, but the probable results are difficult to judge at this stage, owing to the fact that the new duties have been put into effect straight away, and the concerns interested now engaged in taking stock of the new position.

There is now to be a flat rate of 75 cents per pound duty on all cigarettes, compared with previous duties which ranged from $1.50 to 30 cents per lb.

Possible Effect.

The view was expressed to-day that this seemed to indicate that the more expensive brands of cigarettes, as largely used by the foreign community, would be subject to less duty and consequently would be somewhat cheaper for the consumer, while the cheaper cigarettes would probably be subject to an increase in price.

If this view is found to be correct, the difference in price will undoubtedly be small, but the increased duty will no doubt be passed on to the consumer.

It will be noted that the new scale of duty is the mean between $1.50 and 30 cents, and the same principle applies to the duty on cigars which now becomes $1.50 per lb., instead of varying between $2.50 and 50 cents.

Ineffective Plan?

One reason for amending the law is the problem of the cigarette deliberately sold at a loss in order to kill competition or to establish a new brand. It was suggested to-day that this was merely a business method on the part of some particular company and the provisions of the new Ordinance would not necessarily mean that the practice would stop.

An increase in duty need not be passed on to the consumer by a company desiring to kill competition or establish a new brand, and in this respect the Ordinance would seem to be largely ineffective.

If there is to be any effect on price, it will not be felt for some little time, as one of the largest companies here has duty-paid stocks to last for several days.

Came as Surprise.

The changes in the system of duties and in the scale thereof apparently came as a surprise to local concerns yesterday, the first intimation of the alterations being when it was discovered that the duty on some brands of cigarettes were higher, whilst that on others was lower than previously.

The new situation is being thoroughly examined by those affected, and, as already remarked, the effect of the changes are not likely to be apparent for some days, the more so as most of the Chinese companies affected are at present observing the Chinese New Year holidays.

EX-KAISER'S BROTHER SERIOUSLY ILL.

SUFFERING FROM CANCER OF LARYNX.

Berlin, Feb. 13.

It is learned that Prince Henry, the brother of the ex-Kaiser, is seriously ill, suffering with cancer of the larynx, a malady which also affected his father.

The absence of the Prince from Doorn on the occasion of the recent celebration of the ex-Kaiser's 70th birthday, has focussed public attention on his condition.

The sick Prince is sixty-six years of age, and he lives at Castle Hemmmelmark, near Eckenfoerde. —*Reuter.*

SHARP PASSAGES IN COMMONS.

LABOUR ANNOYED OVER OSTEND INCIDENT.

SOVEREIGN RIGHTS!

London, Feb. 13.

The detention at Ostend in the middle of January of Labour M.P.'s and Mr. Reginald Bridgeman, an incident which created a mild sensation at the time, was the subject of questions in the House of Commons to-day, when the aggrieved gentlemen asked the Foreign Secretary whether the British Government proposed to take any action in the matter.

Sir Austen Chamberlain, replying, said that he had not considered it necessary to make representations to the Belgian Government regarding the detention of Mr. Maxton and Mr. Saklatvala, in view of the fact that the exclusion of aliens is the sovereign right of every Government.

Mr. Wheatley, who spoke strongly on the subject, read the terms of the passport "requiring free passage for the bearer."

Sir Austen said that he had considered whether the form of the passports should be modified in certain cases, but he had decided that the change was not desirable.

Mr. Maxton appealed to Mr. Baldwin to say whether he approved of his colleagues in the House of Commons being treated on the Continent like crooks and smugglers, but the Speaker intervened. —*Reuter.*

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RIGOURS OF WINTER.

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Thus writes a subscriber to the British Miners' Distress Fund, in response to the *Telegraph* appeal. He adds that it seems extraordinary that a bigger response is not forthcoming, remarking "We may not be too well furnished with this world's goods, yet we live fairly comfortably; perhaps it is this comfortable feeling which allows the appeal to fall on so many deaf ears."

We agree with the writer that Hongkong's response could be far better than it has been so far, and we again appeal to Britishers to help this most deserving Fund. The Home Government is adding £ for £ to the money raised, so that all funds subscribed here will be doubled.

As already stated, the Y.M.C.A., Kowloon, is making a collection for the Fund, from which about $200 is expected, and we hope soon to have the pleasure of acknowledging contributions raised by other organisations in a similar manner. We commend this plan of raising funds to local clubs and institutions. Meanwhile, further individual contributions will be welcome. Amounts so far received are:

Already acknowledged	$274
& 10/-	
M.M.B.	$11.
"Cuidas" (per *S. C. M. Post*)	$5

AN ASSASSINATION ATTEMPT FAILS.

SWIFT VENGEANCE OF A PRESIDENT'S ESCORT.

Bogota, Feb. 13.

An attempted assassination of the Venezuelan President made to-day, resulted in a fierce fight between a handful of would-be murderers and the President's guards, and complete tragedy.

Six ambushed men opened fire on a motor-car in which President Gomez was driving, the scene being a sequestered road in a suburb of Caracas, the capital.

None of the bullets took effect, but the President's escort retaliated, and killed all six of the men in ambush.—*Reuter's American Service.*

SHIP ENGINEER'S CLAIM.

SUES CAPTAIN FOR $75 BONUS.

ALLEGED WITHHOLDING OF SUM DUE.

SEISTAN SQUABBLE.

An allegation that Captain A. C. Inglis, master of the s.s. Seistan, c/o N.M.H. Nemazee, Prince's Building, had no reason for withholding a bonus of $75 from Mr. A. Demee, the third engineer, was made in the Summary Court this morning before Mr. Justice Wood, when Mr. Demee sued Captain Inglis for that amount. It was claimed by the plaintiff that he should have received the bonus for working as third engineer on the Seistan from August 4, 1928, until October 17, 1928.

It was further stated that Captain Inglis and Mr. Roberston, the chief engineer, were not on speaking terms and that the former accepted a report from the second engineer that Mr. Demee's work was not satisfactory, that being given as a reason why the bonus was not paid.

Mr. H. C. Macnamara was for the plaintiff, and Mr. G. S. Hugh Jones defended.

In outlining his case, Mr. Macnamara said it was admitted that the plaintiff did serve between the dates mentioned on the writ and Capt. Inglis, whose evidence had been taken *de bene esse*, had also admitted that he received $300 from the charterers and had paid out part of the money to the chief engineer and other officers.

$35 Paid.

After pointing out that the action was brought as "money had and received," Mr. Macnamara went on to refer to correspondence when he read a letter from Capt. Inglis to the Chief Engineer, Mr. Robertson, which stated that $35 was enclosed as the proportion of Mr. Robertson's monthly bonus for the month ending October 31, granted by the charterers.

Mr. Macnamara then read a letter which he wrote to Capt. Inlis applying for immediate payment of $75, the amount due to the plaintiff, for two and a half months' service. The letter received from Capt. Inglis, in reply, stated that he would be glad to know under which clause of the Articles of Agreement the claim was made, and by what means the figure of $75 had been arrived at. The claim was not admitted, and Mr. Demee was properly signed off at the Shipping Office.

Mr. Macnamara stated they did not admit that the discharge at the Shipping Office, which took place in the ordinary way, had anything to do with the case. It was absolutely irrelevant.

Not Satisfactory.

He continued that it was only after the writ was issued and Capt. Inglis' evidence was taken that the real nature of the defence was disclosed. Capt. Inglis then admitted that if Mr. Demee had carried out his duties in a satisfactory manner something would have been due to him by way of a bonus.

His Lordship commented that Capt. Inglis really made two statements, the final one being that the distribution of the money was in his discretion and if he had been satisfied with the plaintiff he would have paid him.

Mr. Macnamara agreed that that was correct but asked if Capt. Inglis was justified in refusing to pay the plaintiff what would otherwise have been due to him? He thought it was a little astonishing, the way in which Capt. Inglis had dealt with the plaintiff. Admittedly he could not supervise the work of the engineers, and one would have thought that the only proper way in which he could know their manner of working was by accepting reports from the chief engineer.

However, Capt. Inglis had never had any correspondence with or received any suggestions from the chief engineer that Mr. Demee was not doing his work properly,

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TROTSKY MAKES BID TO ESCAPE.

NOW A PRISONER AT SOVIET CONSULATE IN TURKEY.

ARRESTED ON A SHIP.

Constantinople, Feb. 14.

Though Moscow recently officially denied that Trotsky had fled from Russia to Turkey, it would seem that the persistent rumours were intelligent anticipation.

Turkish officials are silent regarding the matter, but it is credibly believed that Trotsky arrived at Constantinople last night from Odessa, travelling under an assumed name.

There seems to be little doubt that the stories now in circulation are substantially correct, but it is thought that Trotsky is remaining on board the ship until the necessary arrangements have been made for him to go to Angora.

Later.

It is now definitely established that Trotsky, using the pseudonym Seibroff, arrived here yesterday in a specially chartered steamer. He was accompanied by his wife and two daughters.

This morning, Trotsky was taken from the ship under escort of three Russian agents to the Soviet Consulate, where he is being detained, practically a prisoner. He has been refused permission to communicate with anyone outside.—*Reuter.*

INDUSTRIAL PEACE SET-BACK.

EMPLOYERS REJECT MOND COMMITTEE REPORT.

UNEXPECTED REBUFF.

London, Feb. 13.

A set-back to the movement for industrial peace has occurred as a result of employers' organisations rejecting the interim report of the committee of employers and trade union leaders.

This is indicated in the announcement made to-day that the National Confederation of Employers' Organisations and the Federation of British Industries, which represent practically all the great industries of the country, have rejected the interim report of the Mond (Lord Melchett) group of employers and Trade Unions Congress delegates.

This interim report was drawn up on July 4th last, and it dealt with the general question of industrial peace.

Whilst rejecting the report, the employers' organisations have invited the General Council of the Trades Union Congress to confer with them on matters of common interest.

The main recommendations of the report were the creation of a National Industrial Council, composed equally of employers and representatives of the Trades Union Congress.—*Reuter.*

MASS OPPOSITION TO RAILWAYS.

OBJECTIONS TO NEW AIR TRANSPORT POWERS.

London, Feb. 13.

Petitions in opposition to six Bills promoted by the great railway companies of Britain, which are seeking air transport powers, have been lodged by the Society of Aircraft Constructors and the Imperial Airways, Limited.

The petitions are also endorsed by the Corporations of provincial cities and towns served by each railway.—*Reuter.*

JAPAN AND BRITAIN.

NEW AMBASSADOR ARRIVES IN LONDON.

London, Feb. 13.

The new Japanese Ambassador to London, Mr. Tsuneo Matsudaira, the father-in-law of Prince Chichibu, arrived in London to-day.

Mr. Matsudaira was formerly Ambassador to the United States. —*Reuter.*

GENERAL BOOTH DEFEATED.

HIGH COUNCIL RENEW DECISION.

COM. E. J. HIGGINS APPOINTED SUCCESSOR.

MOMENTOUS SESSION.

London, Feb. 13.

Restrained by the High Court from acting upon its previous decision to depose General Bramwell Booth from the leadership of the Salvation Army, the High Council of the Army held its new session to-day to give the General an opportunity of offering a defence.

It is safe to say that the decisions of this momentous meeting were awaited with anxiety all over the world.

In spite of an impassioned speech by Mr. W. A. Jowitt, K.C. on behalf of General Booth, the High Council confirmed their previous decision, and appointed Commissioner E. J. Higgins, formerly Chief-of-Staff, to be the new leader of the Army.

Plea for Time.

Mr. Jowitt addressed the High Council at considerable length, urging that General Booth should be given time to recover from his illness. On behalf of the General, he offered to leave the choice of a successor to the Council provided General Booth was allowed to retain the command during his lifetime in a slightly modified form.

The witnesses called included a number of eminent physicians who testified that General Booth would be physically fit to fully command the Salvation Army within a month or two.

Mr. Jowitt further read a letter from General Booth to the High Council declaring that the Army was faced with the gravest dangers, and urging that all its members should work together. He also asked for an opportunity to reshape the Deed of 1904, and pleading for time to recover his health, promising to retire if the improvement in his health did not meet with the demands of his work.

Secret Ballot.

After a long session, the High Council this afternoon, took a secret ballot, and there was a dramatic hush as the result was read out showing that 52 delegates had voted for adjudicating General Booth physically unfit to retain the command of the Army, while only five members voted in his favour.

The ballot also revealed that four Commissioners who originally supported the General, on this occasion abstained from recording their votes.

Mrs. Booth and her daughter sat in the hall apparently unmoved by the announcement.

Eva in Opposition.

The Council then proceeded to the election of a successor and Commissioner E. J. Higgins was elected by 42 votes to 17. The minority votes were all cast for Commander Evangeline Booth, the General's sister.

Mrs. Bramwell Booth, and her daughter, Mrs. Booth-Hellburg did not stay after they had heard the announcement of the deposition, and were not present, therefore, at the election of his successor.

The announcement of Commissioner Higgins' election was wildly cheered by the Council.

The new leader, with a tremor in his voice, humbly thanked the Council for electing him to "this position of high trust."

New Legal Battle?

Interviewed by Reuter later, Commissioner Higgins said that the Salvation Army would follow the banner unfurled by its Founder with increased life and spirit.

He expressed the hope that there would be no further legal difficulties, but said that if the Deed of 1904 was attacked he must defend it.

An American delegation official declared that the Salvation Army in the United States would rally loyally to the side of the new General. —*Reuter.*

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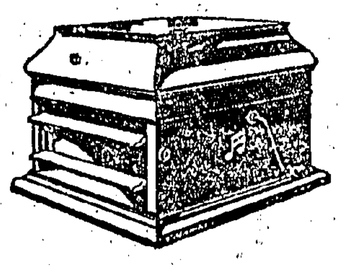

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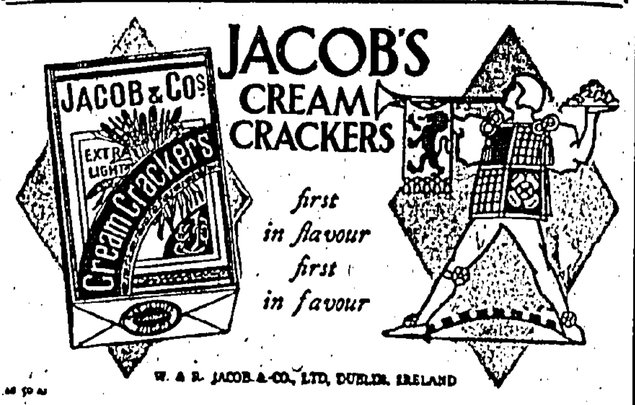

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RELIGION OF TO-DAY AND THE SCIENCE OF TO-MORROW.

EXISTENCE OF GOD.

Continuing the series of lectures on Religion and Science, the Rev. Fr. R. Gallagher, S.J., gave an address at St. Patrick's Hall last evening on "The Religion of To-day and the Science of To-morrow." The Rev. Fr. Gallagher declared that religion has nothing to fear from science and the religion of to-day will be enhanced, not weakened by the science of to-morrow. The lecture is given in full below:

This evening, ladies and gentlemen, I am going to show that Religion, i.e. the relation that exists between man and God, is not necessarily based on the authority of others, but that man by using his senses and his intellect is forced into accepting the fundamental truth of all religion, the existence of God. I am not denying that man can and that man does make an act of Faith in the existence of God. All I assert is that, prescinding from all authority, the human intellect is capable of arriving at a certain, definite knowledge of the existence, and to a limited extent of the nature of God.

Philosophy divides the arguments into three kinds: 1. *Metaphysical*: based on self evident first principles, as the Principle of Causality, the Principle of Sufficient Reason; 2. *Physical*: arguments drawn from the phenomena of nature, the content of experience; 3. *Moral*: based on the general conduct of mankind.

In this lecture I shall use the second kind, specifically the argument from design, to prove the first part of my thesis; and the argument from the principle of causality to prove the second part.

Within the last two years both those arguments have been cited by two men who profess to do away with religion on the strength of them. Neither of the two men have quoted the arguments correctly. In a book, published in 1928, F. H. Hayward sums up the whole Catholic position in five paragraphs on one page. His first paragraph reads: "That, as the universe is in existence, it must have been brought into existence at some time or other by a Creator." That is not the argument from contingence and does not give the principle of causality.

Argument from Design.

In a lecture delivered by Mr. Bertrand Russell at Battersea, in March, 1927, before the National Secular Society, he gives the argument from design this form: "Everything in the world is made just so that we can live in the world, and if the world were ever so little different we could not manage to live in it. That is the argument from design. It sometimes takes a rather curious form for instance, it is argued that rabbits have white tails in order to be easy to shoot. I do not know how the rabbits would view the application."

Mr. Bertrand Russell is a clever man, an able thinker. In the preface to his work, *Analysis of Matter*, he shows the instincts of a great scientist, for he speaks with modesty of the difficulty of his task and of the meticulous care with which he should proceed. Why does he shed both when he talks about religion? Why, instead of being intellectual, does he become shallow; and why, when he should advance cautiously does he indulge in flippancy? That argument is not the argument from design.

The argument from design is this: 1, There exists in the world an order and an adaptation of a very wonderful kind; 2, That order is constant, regular and very useful; 3, That order is proved by all the sciences; 4, It is more complicated than the order, for instance, in the works of a watch, or, in fact, any other mechanical device that we know. Now, if the smallest mechanical work demands of a designer adapting means to a particular end, then much more does the vast mechanism of the universe.

Let us begin with a few preliminary remarks.

1. We do not assert that the world is the most perfect that could exist. We grant that there is possibility of improvement. The scheme of the world as it is planned, is most wonderfully planned, it is not the most perfect that could be planned.

2. We do *not* say—as so many accuse us of saying—that the argument from design, *taken by itself*, proves that the designer was *all*-powerful or that he created the universe. It is sufficient in the first part of the proof to show that to explain the order that does exist there must have been an *intelligent originator*.

3. We *do* say that science and the theory of evolution help in a wonderful way to establish our thesis.

In the second part, making use of the argument of causality, we shall show that the ultimate cause of it all is an Infinite Being—God.

Order in the Universe.

1. Astronomy maps out for us the orbits of the planets, the periodicity of the double stars. It has established Bode's Law and Keppler's laws. It has fixed the laws of light and by those laws has been able to calculate the distances of stars.

2. Biology, Botany, Zoology have, because of the wonderful similarities, and equally wonderful differences in the cells, plants and animals, been able to reduce these things to definite and clearly distinct groups.

3. Anatomy and physiology show what a marvellous machine the human body is both in its structure and in its functional activities.

4. Chemistry and physics have done for the molecule, atoms, ions and electrons what Botany has done for the plants, Zoology for the animals.

In whatever branch they specialize scientists look for plan and design. Their whole striving is to reduce phenomena to laws discoverable from the manifestations of the phenomena themselves. This is a senseless proceeding unless they are prepared to admit, which they are, that in the world there is an order or orders governed by laws. That order is constant.

Astronomy: In our solar system astronomers are able to calculate very many years in advance, not merely that there will be an eclipse of the sun, but they are able to tell exactly the path of the shadow, and fix beforehand telescopic cameras so accurately that at the moment of totality—sometimes only a matter of a few seconds—photos of the phenomenon can be secured. They did so in England two years ago and are going to do the same in Sumatra this year. Transits of Venus and Mercury can be calculated with absolute accuracy in the same way. The next will be on June 8, 2004.

Because of a slight deviation from its normal course the planet Uranus enabled two men, Leverrier of France and Adams of England, to work out by pure mathematics, quite independently of one another, the position of the disturbing cause, and so lead to the discovery of the planet Neptune. Even such apparently irregular bodies as comets and meteors can be reduced to periodic formulae. In 1934, according to Professor Pickering, we are to have a maximum display of the Leonids.

Biology from the study of a comparatively infinitesimal number of cells is sure of its ground in generalising to *the cell* though in one composite organism as a plant or the human body there are millions of such cells, and in the world there are countless composite organisms.

All are the Same.

Anatomy and Physiology: It is sufficient for a surgeon to make a detailed study of one human body to give him perfect confidence in performing operations on any who require his aid. The human eye, ear, muscles, nerves, brain are the same all the world over. There may be slight accidental differences but essentially all are the same.

The spectroscope shows that the atoms of hydrogen on Sirius are the same as the atoms of hydrogen on this earth though there are thousands of millions of miles between the two.

The beauty of the flowers, of the wings of butterfly, of the feathers of birds, is the same wherever these flowers, butterflies or birds are found.

And so we might pile proof on proof on the constancy of nature. The order is useful.

1. The inclination of the earth's axis—23,5—allows the maximum of the earth's surface to be warmed by the rays of the sun.
2. The atmosphere is exactly suited to man, or, if you prefer, man is perfectly adapted to the atmosphere which surrounds him.
3. Man and the animals breathe in oxygen and breathe out carbon-dioxide, plants on the other hand absorb carbon-dioxide and give off oxygen—compensation.
4. Water is the only liquid that is densest before it drops to freezing point. If that were not so the world would be a frozen mass in a short time.
5. The eye of man, condor, spider, bat are all suited to their requirements.
6. Countless other phenomena show exactly the same thing: symbiosis, the adaptation of plants, animals and of man himself to the climatic conditions in which they happen to find themselves.
7. The wonderful instinct displayed by the insect and animal kingdom. The "Sphex" killing the motor nerves of the grub in which she deposits her eggs; the bee building its hives so as to achieve the maximum of strength with the minimum of material.

Chance.

There is order. The order is constant. The order is useful.

Now, if I pick up a watch, I argue at once that it was made by an intelligent being. From any mechanical work, I unhesitatingly draw the same conclusion. The more perfect the machine the higher I rate the intelligence which designed it. In like manner from the marvellous order in the world I am compelled to admit an intelligent designer. I do not say an *Infinite* but an *intelligent*. No! not intelligent. If not intelligent there is only one other explanation—chance. Now, by chance I do not mean the negation of cause. No effect has ever been produced without something effecting it. The thing which effects we call cause. But an effect may be intended or not intended. If the effect is not intended then we have chance. Does chance explain the world? Let us suppose that on three successive days, at the same time and in the same place, my hat is dented by an apple falling on it, common sense tells me to find out the reason. The thing may have happened once by chance, but three times puts it outside the realm of chance. It is too constant. How much more does not the wonderful constancy of the world eliminate any satisfactory explanation along the lines of chance or blind causes. Why are roses always roses; why does not, now and again, a plum tree bear apples. Why are men's eyes always the same. If the development is one of chance there is no reason why they should be.

But they are all evolved from a nebulous mass! Science has proved that to the hilt. Science has not proved it. Science assumes it, basing its assumption on certain evidences of evolution. But even if it were true, who is the more skilful man, one who has a hundred and one billiard balls and individually fires them into 101 pockets, or one who can so control the ball he strikes that by imparting a certain spin to it he is able to sink it and the other 100 balls into the pockets he intended. An intelligent being

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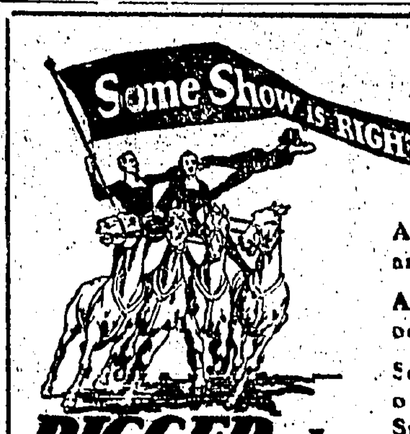

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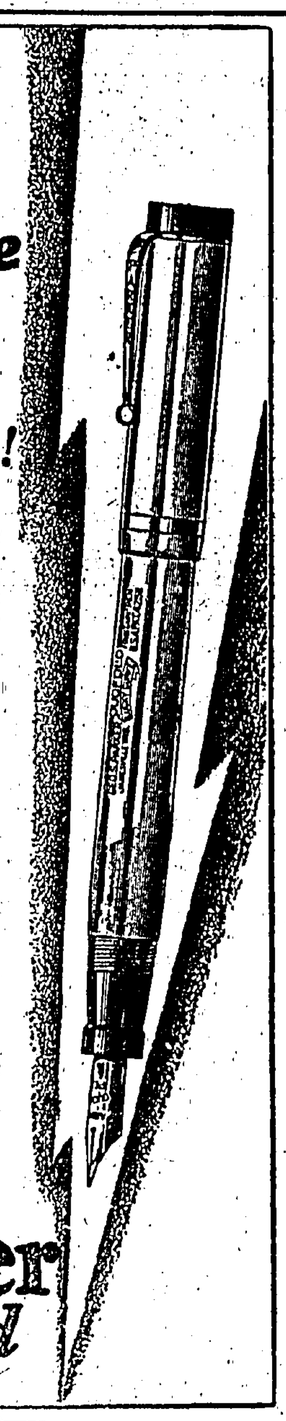

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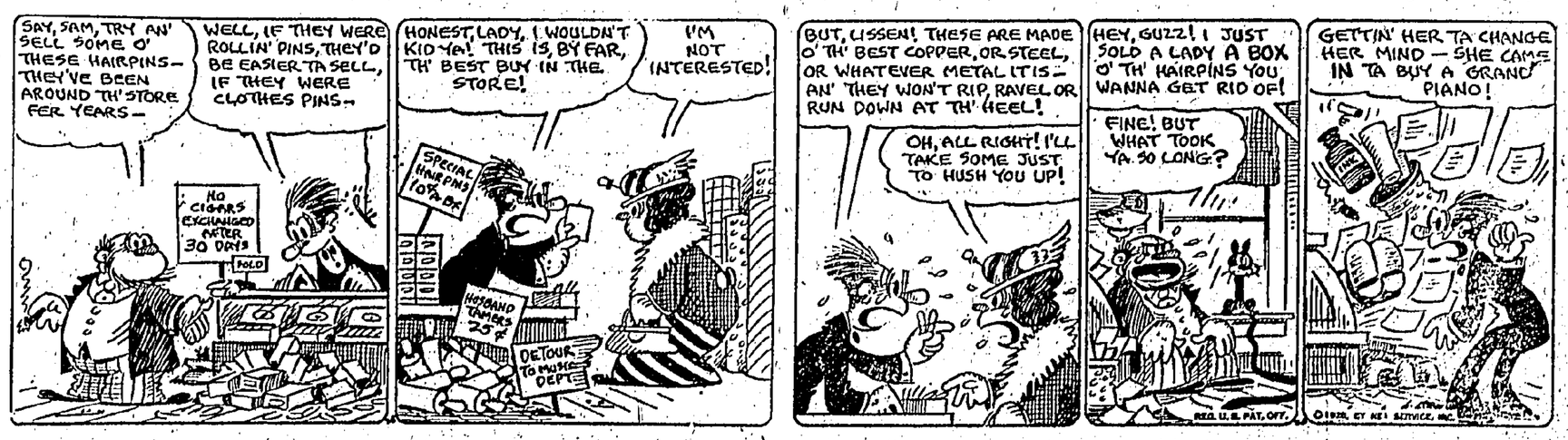

Our picture shows the principal members of the Banvard Musical Comedy Company rehearsing at the Gaiety Theatre, London, prior to their departure for the East.

No fewer than sixty-seven riders took part in the last of the runs of the Shanghai Paper Hunt Club. Our picture shows the Master, Mr. N. L. Sparke, with a stop-watch at the judges' post.

This is Miss Elsie Keene, the principal lady of the Banvard Musical Comedy Company, which opens its season at the Star Theatre, Kowloon, on Saturday.

Claude Falkiner, the well-known billiard professional, who played a series of games in Hongkong recently, is seen above just about to score in his match with Mr. W. A. Pennell at the Thirty Club in Shanghai. Falkiner won by 875 points to 101.

The old and new leaders of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, which met in New York, are pictured here. At the left is Dr. Arthur A. Noyes of the California Institute of Technology, the retiring president, and at the right, Prof. Henry Fairfield Osborn, of the American Museum of Natural History, who succeeds Noyes.

Our picture shows how the streets of New York were thronged when Tex Rickard's remains arrived for the funeral service at Madison Square Gardens. The photo was taken outside the Pennsylvania Station.

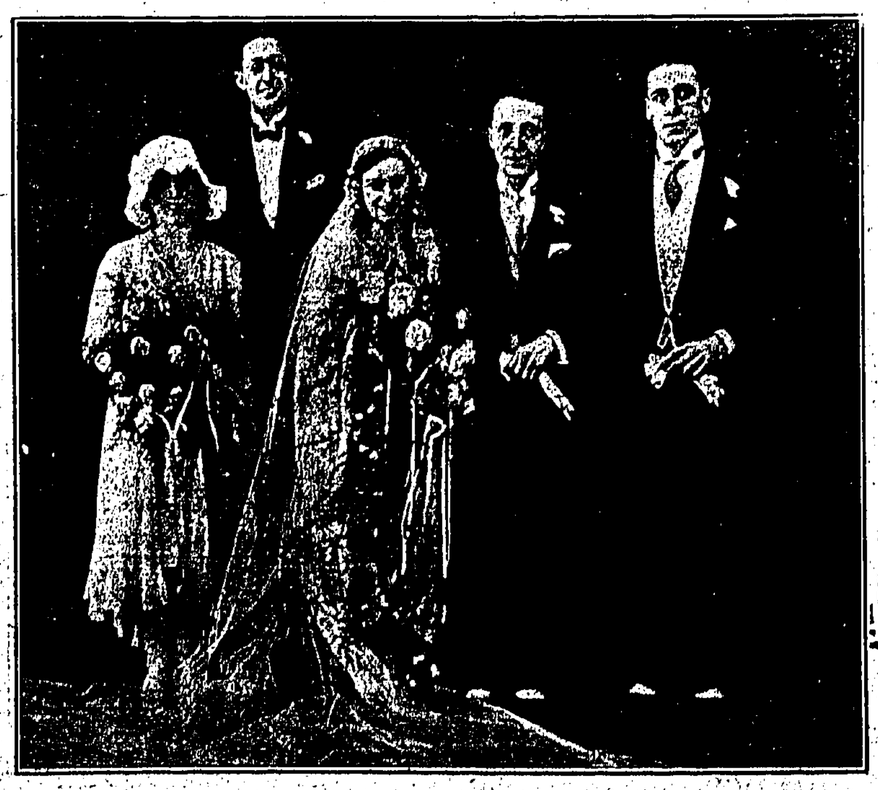

Photo taken after the wedding at the British Consulate-General, Shanghai, of Mr. Alfred Thomas Hallworth, and Miss Olga Shulman.

"The Private Life of Helen of Troy," a remarkable new film, has just been released for exhibition and may be seen in Hongkong soon. Above is one of the scenes.

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HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Ordinary Yearly Meeting of the Shareholders in this Corporation will be held at City Hall, Hong Kong, on Saturday, the 23rd February, 1929, at noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Court of Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1928.

The Register of Shares of the Corporation will be closed from Monday, the 11th February, to Saturday, the 23rd February, 1929, (both days inclusive), during which period no transfer of Shares can be registered.

By Order of the Court of Directors,

A. C. HYNES,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 4th Feb., 1929.

THE "STAR" FERRY COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE is hereby given that the THIRTY-FIRST ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF THIS COMPANY will be held at the Office of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., on Friday, the 15th February, 1929, at 12.30 p.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1928.

The Register of Shares of the Company will be CLOSED from Thursday, the 7th February, 1929, to Friday, the 15th February, 1929, both days inclusive.

By order of the Board of Directors,

F. H. CRAPNELL,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 1st February, 1929.

THE HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that at an Extraordinary Meeting of the Shareholders of the Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation held on Saturday, the 2nd day of February, 1929, at 12 o'clock noon at the City Hall Victoria in the Colony of Hongkong, the following resolution was passed, viz:—

That the Directors of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation be and they are hereby requested and authorised by and on behalf of the shareholders of the Corporation to take all such steps as may be necessary for the introduction of an Ordinance into the Legislative Council of the Colony of Hongkong and for the enactment of the same by the Governor of Hongkong with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council thereof, in the terms of a print which, for the purposes of identification, has been signed by the Chief Manager of the Corporation, in substitution for the existing Ordinance (except as in such print is mentioned) and Deed of Settlement of Corporation.

AND NOTICE IS HEREBY ALSO GIVEN that a further extraordinary meeting of the shareholders of the Corporation will be held on Saturday, the 23rd day of February, 1929, at 12.45 in the afternoon at the same place for the purpose of receiving a report of the above mentioned meeting and of considering, and, if thought fit, confirming the above resolution in accordance with Article 96 of the Corporation's Deed of Settlement.

Dated this 8th day of February, 1929.

By Order of the Directors,

A. C. HYNES,
Chief Manager.

Note:—A copy of the proposed New Ordinance can be seen during the usual banking hours (Sundays, Public and Bank Holidays excepted) in Hongkong at the Head Office of the Corporation or at the offices of Messrs. Johnson, Stokes & Master, Prince's Buildings, Solicitors to the said Corporation, and in Shanghai at the Office of the Corporation, from the date hereof until the date of the above mentioned confirmatory meeting.

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

Race Meeting, 1929.

25th, 26th, 27th, February & 2nd March, 1929.

The first Race on each day will be run at 12 o'clock noon. The first bell will be rung at 11.30 a.m. each day.

MEMBERS' BADGES.

Members' Badges of Admission are now ready and may be obtained by those members who have not already received them, from Messrs. Linstead & Davis, Alexandra Buildings.

Members are reminded that these Badges will also admit them to all the Extra Race Meetings of this year.

MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE.

Members have the privilege of introducing two non-members to the Members' Enclosure.

A limited number of tickets are available and may be obtained from Messrs. Linstead & Davis, Alexandra Buildings, on or before Saturday, 23rd February, 1929, at a cost of $10 each per day or $30 for the Meeting.

The charge for admission for Ladies to the Members' Enclosure will be $4 per day. Each member can obtain upon application to the Secretary, badges for the admission of two Ladies free of charge.

On no pretext will children be permitted in either enclosure during the first three days of racing.

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE.

Tickets of Admission to the Public Enclosure, price $3 per day for all persons including Ladies, may be purchased from Messrs. Kelly & Walsh, Ltd., or at the Gate.

Soldiers and Sailors in uniform admitted to the Public Enclosure at $1 per day.

Admission by ticket only.

Bookmakers, Tic Tac men, etc. will not be permitted to operate within the precincts of the Hongkong Jockey Club during the Race Meeting.

SERVANTS' PASSES.

Passes for Servants will be issued on application to Messrs. Linstead & Davis, Alexandra Buildings.

Employers are requested to distribute them with discrimination and to endorse their names on the passes.

Servants are not permitted in the Members' Enclosure except for passing through on their duties, but must remain in their employers' stands.

Any persons found loitering about with Servants' Passes in their possession will forfeit the same and will be removed from the enclosure.

By Order,

C. B. BROWN,
Secretary.

THE BANK OF EAST ASIA, LIMITED.

On the occasion of the 10th Anniversary of the Bank of East Asia, Limted, the Directors and Management will be at home at their Office on Saturday the 6th February from 11.00 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.

THE BANK OF EAST ASIA, LIMITED.

Notice is hereby given that the TENTH ORDINARY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held at Chinese Merchants' Club, 5th floor, China Building, Queen's Road Central, at 3 p.m. Saturday, the 16th February, 1929, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1928.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from Saturday, 9th February to Saturday, 16th February, 1929, (both days inclusive) during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

KAN TONG PO,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 24th January, 1929.

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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the THIRTY THIRD ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING OF THE SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held at the Company's Town Office, 2 Lower Albert Road, on Thursday, 28th February, 1929 at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with Statement of Accounts, declaring a Dividend and re-electing Directors and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be closed from the 21st to the 28th February, 1929 both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

M. MANUK,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 13th Feb., 1929.

HONGKONG TRAMWAYS LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ORDINARY YEARLY GENERAL MEETING of HONGKONG TRAMWAYS LIMITED will be held at the offices of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson and Co. Ltd., Hongkong, on FRIDAY, the 1st day of March, 1929, at 12 o'clock noon to transact the ordinary business of the Company.

AND NOTICE IS HEREBY ALSO GIVEN that the REGISTER OF MEMBERS of the Company will be closed from FRIDAY, 15th FEBRUARY to FRIDAY, 1st MARCH, 1929, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,
W. F. SIMMONS,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 7th February, 1929.

G. R.

Particulars and Conditions of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on Monday, the 18th day of February, 1929, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor, of one Lot of Crown Land near Prince Edward Road, Kowloon, in the Colony of Hong Kong, for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the King, for one further term of 75 years.

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INWARD MAILS.

From	Per	Due
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Shanghai and Swatow	Chinkiang	February 14.
Australia and Manila	Sado Maru	February 15.
Shanghai	Kashgar	February 15.
U.S.A., Canada, Japan and Shanghai	Pres. Pierce	February 15.
Europe via Suez (Letters and Papers) London, 17th January and Parcels, 10th January	Khiva	February 16.
Straits	Nam Sang	February 16.
Straits	Hakusan Maru	February 17.
Japan	Shinyo Maru	February 18.
Manila	President Madison	February 18.
Shanghai	Sarpedon	February 19.
Japan	Kaga Maru	February 19.
Canada, U.S.A., Japan and Shanghai	Emp. of Russia	February 21.

OUTWARD MAILS.

For	Per	Date and Time.
Bangkok	Hirundo	Thurs., Feb. 14, 8.30 p.m.
Saigon	Tsang Woo	Thurs., Feb. 14, 4.30 p.m.
Manila, Australia and New Zealand via Thursday Island		Parcels Thurs., Feb. 14, 5 p.m.
	Changte	Fri., Feb. 15. Registration Feb. 15, 9.45 a.m. Letters 10.30 a.m. (Due Thursday Island, 26th Feb.)
Haiphong	Song Bo	Fri., Feb. 15, 8.30 a.m.
Japan	Sado Maru	Fri., Feb. 15, 1.30 p.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Haiyang	Fri., Feb. 15, noon.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, East and South Africa, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles	Kashgar	Sat., Feb. 16. K.P.O. Parcels 15th, 4.30 p.m. Registration 16th, 9 a.m. Letters 10.00 a.m. G.P.O. Parcels 15th, 5 p.m. Registration 16th, 9.45 a.m. Letters 10.30 a.m. (Due Marseilles, 16th March.)
Manila	Pres. Pierce	Sat., Feb. 16, 4.30 p.m.
Japan	Namsang	Sat., Feb. 16, 5 p.m.
Shanghai and Europe via Siberia	Empress of Australia	Sat., Feb. 16 6 p.m.
Hoihow, Pakhoi and Haiphong	Chinkiang	Sun., Feb. 17, 8.30 a.m.
Bangkok via Swatow	Kaying	Sun., Feb. 17, 9 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Formosa	Canton Maru	Sun., Feb. 17, 9 a.m.
Shanghai and Japan	Hakusan Maru	Mon., Feb. 18, 10.30 a.m.
Haiphong	Compinas	Mon., Feb. 18, 10.30 a.m.

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MONDAY February 18th	"CLOWNS IN CLOVER" The latest revue from the Adelphi Theatre, London.
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Fashion Notes.

BLACK IN FAVOUR.

Tea-time in Paris at this time of the year always brings out a lot of well-dressed women. Many of them are wearing black this season—black coats, trimmed with black or dark fur, black dresses, black hats, and very beautiful pearls and diamonds.

Worn with them are light stockings and beautiful little shiny black shoes, trimmed with a light shade of leather to match the fur, the coat lining and the gloves, which may be beige or grey.

Black hats are usual and a leading milliner has prophesied that aigrettes are going to be worn once more. Diamond ornaments trim many felt hats.

The crowns are medium and soft, dented and draped to suit the face; the brims are narrow and soft round the edges, so that they fall after the manner of an eased-on flounce. And then, of course, there are the many new skull-caps with which we are all familiar, and which are so becoming to many types of faces.

The Hip Girdle.

The hip girdle remains a vital point in the mode. A wide shoulder line is accepted, for it composes into a handsome line with the closely-fitted hip.

In little morning dresses, the high collar of soft fabric and the little lingerie collars remain important. In the afternoon and evening gown, the simple, untrimmed corsage is more evident than ever. It is preferred by smart women, because it allows a daily change of effect with scarves, kerchiefs, shoulder flowers, and the like.

Brightening Blonde Hair.

BY A BEAUTY EXPERT.

"Why does fair hair invariably become mousey?" wailed a pretty little blonde to me the other day. Naturally, she was distressed at losing such a beauty asset as her glorious fair hair.

But the speaker had not been too careful about her shampoo. To retain its delicate fairness it needs very careful treatment. An egg shampoo with a camomile rinse is, in my opinion, the best for retaining its lights.

The egg should be well beaten with a heaped tablespoonful of flaked soap and a dessertspoonful of powdered borax.

Wet the hair then rub the mixture thoroughly into the scalp. Move the scalp freely, massaging with the finger tips until it tingles. Rinse in three waters, the last to contain the juice of a lemon and a tablespoonful of camomile powder. Never dry fair in front of the fire. The heat bleaches it, and will draw out the natural oils which keep it lustrous. Hot air or hot towels are preferable to the fire.

It is generally wise to shampoo every ten or fourteen days. Few can manage to keep the hair nice if done less frequently.

In between the shampoo keep the hair well brushed with clean hairbrushes, and about twice a week brush a little of the following lotion through the hair. Into a 4-oz. bottle put one tablespoonful of peroxide of hydrogen, a teaspoonful of bi-carbonate of soda, 2 ozs. of bay rum, and warm rain water, 4 ozs.

Fur Coats.

OF ALL COLOURS.

At a recent "opening," where furs were important items, ensembles were a great feature. There were fur-trimmed coats of all kinds and colours. For instance a red coat is lined with red fur, and trimmed in the same way. Grey, blue, light and dark green, brown, all colours are treated like this.

Pony-skin in a bright light brown, is much used to trim cloth coats, and it is cut into various shapes to give line and decoration to the coats.

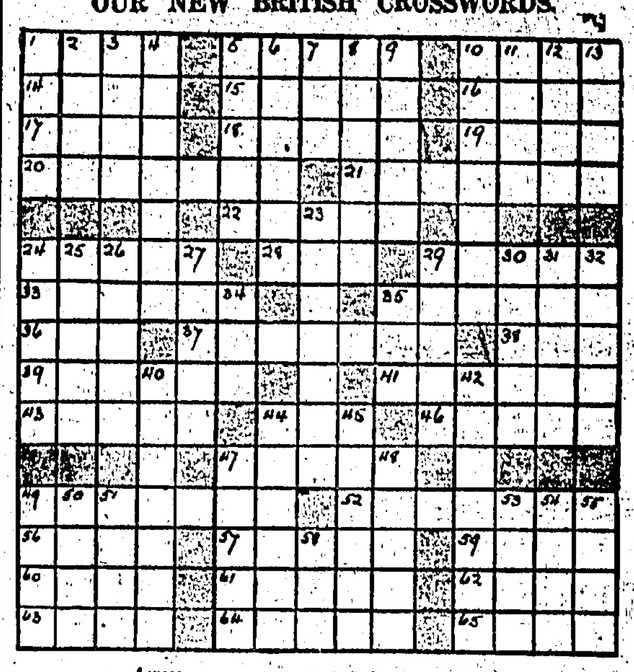
Dresses beneath the coats match in colouring, but not necessarily in material. Silk, under cloth, is often seen.

Among the novelties shown were some fur shawls for evening wear. They were made in mole skin and had long chenille fringes. They were further ornamented with fur flowers.

Another novelty is the sports coat made of gazelle, antelope, or caracul, with fur toques to match. Sometimes two furs are put together as trimmings to a third fur.

Collars on all coats are big and drapable. Coloured leather coats are lined and trimmed with fur dyed to match them. They have simple cloth and crepe de chine dresses to go with them. A wine-red leather coat was trimmed with bands of brown fur. Under it was worn a crepe de chine dress in a brighter shade of red. An antelope coat had a leather belt, leather cuffs, and a scarf of cloth round the neck, all in different shades of brown. Tweed coats are lined with fur, and have rolled collars of fur.

OUR NEW BRITISH CROSSWORDS.



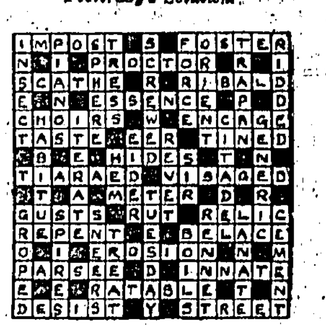
Across

1 Stalk.
5 Celts.
10 Talk indiscreetly.
14 Possess.
15 Be perturbed about.
16 Greasy.
17 Not restricted.
18 Resin.
19 Back.
20 Upset.
21 Value.
22 Worker in stone.
24 Strip of leather.
28 High pointed rock.
29 Head-lands.
33 Long-necked birds.
35 Peculiar faculty.
36 Help.
37 Residence of the King.
38 Girl's name.
39 Dried grape.
41 Ship's officer.
43 Glide on the surface.
44 Place of rest.
46 Grow into plants.
47 Healed.
49 Shackle for horses.
52 Without direction.
56 Hautboy.
57 Putrid.
59 Precedes a fever.
60 Soil.
61 Rain mingled with hail.
62 American coin.
63 Threefold.
64 Prophets.
65 Formerly.

Down

1 Store.
2 Narrow fillet.
3 Always.
4 Speak of.
5 Collect in large numbers.
6 Fight.
7 Spherical body.
8 Quivering motion.
9 Charming woman.
10 Institution for young criminals.
11 In place of.
12 Pertaining to wings.
13 Cow-house.
23 Fighting man.
24 Worn round the neck.
25 Test.
26 Wireless.
27 The Lapwing.
29 Complete insensibility.
30 Peas collectively.
31 Finished.
32 Heavenly orbs.
34 Wrong doing.
35 Apex.
40 Salt-work.
42 Refund.
44 Package.
45 Merchant.
47 Coarse.
48 Legislative assemblies.
49 Appointment.
50 Efficient.
51 Austere.
53 Bore.
54 Self luminous orbs.
55 Block of Granite.
58 River in Yorkshire.

Yesterday's Solution.



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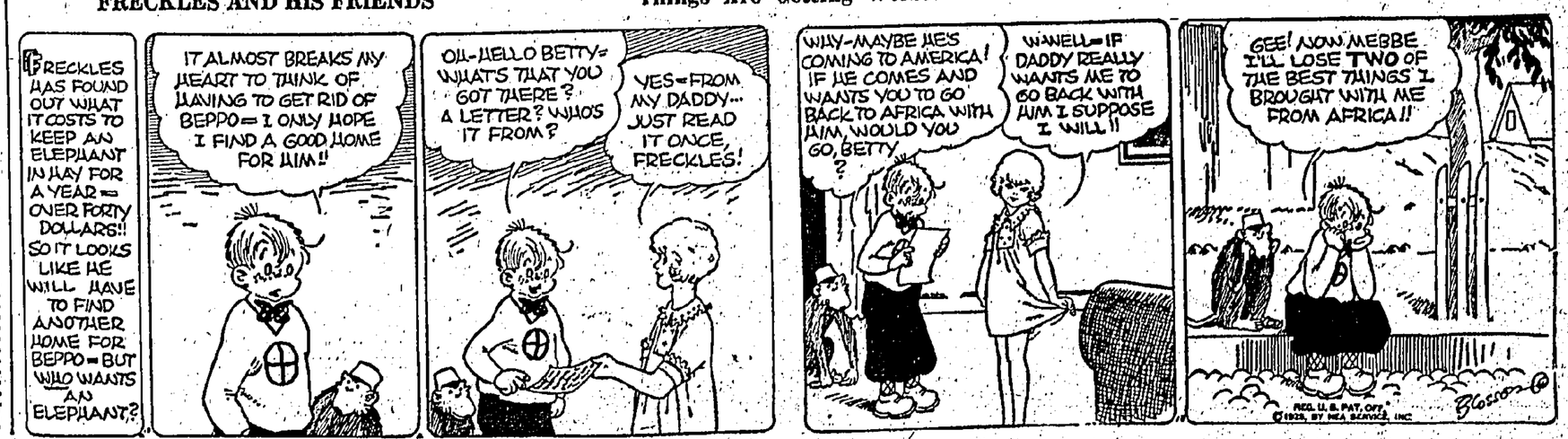
FRECKLES AND HIS FRIENDS — Things Are Getting Worse! — By Blosser



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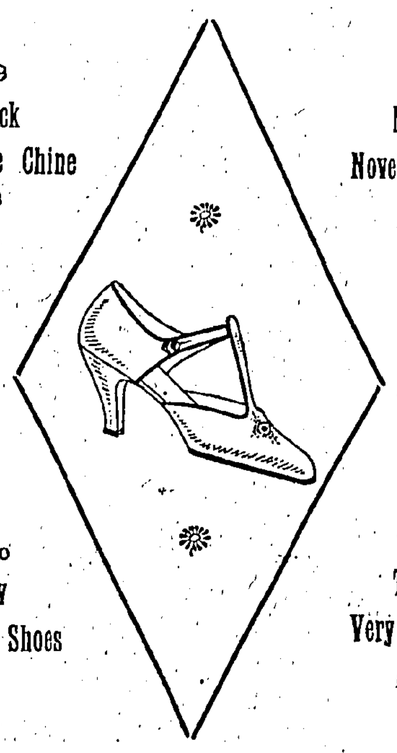

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THURSDAY FEB. 14, 1929

THE TOBACCO DUTIES.

When changes are being made in excise duties, it is obviously desirable that they should be enforced at the moment of notification. This explains why H. E. the Governor has issued an order putting into effect the proposed alterations in the tobacco duties before the Bill has actually come before the Legislative Council. By the new Ordinance, a change is made both in the system of imposing the duties, as well as in the scale of the duties. Various grounds are given for the making of the changes, which, according to the Superintendent of Imports and Exports, have been proved by experience to be advisable. The problem is admittedly a difficult one, and there can be no objection to the laying down of the principle of taxation at the source. In duty revision, however, there is always a fear that the results may be to increase the tax to the consumer. Whether this will prove to be so in the present instance, time will tell, but there would certainly seem to be some ground for thinking that the cheaper brands of cigars and cigarettes may become more expensive.

The new duty on cigars is a flat rate of $1.50 per lb. This, compared with the old basis of calculation, will mean that the best brands will be relieved to the extent of a dollar a pound, the next grade will remain the same, whilst in the case of the two other grades there will be increases *varying from 100 to* 300 per cent. Cigarettes of all kinds will henceforth pay duty at the rate of 75 cents per lb., which means a 100 per cent. reduction in the case of the best quality, but an increase in all the other three classes, which were formerly rated at 70 cents, 50 cents and 30 cents per lb., respectively. To what extent the increases will send up the retail prices of cigars and cigarettes bought in small quantities, it is difficult to say, but that some advance will be made seems apparent. If this should prove the case, the increase appears likely to fall most heavily on those who smoke the cheaper brands—in other words, on the working classes amongst the Chinese community. That is a point of which note should be taken when the Bill comes before the Legislative Council.

Another reflection which occurs to us is that the stopping of the manufacture of tobacco in bond, which is considered so desirable, could have been attained without doing away with taxation according to grade. There would, admittedly, be some difficulty in classifying some of the many brands of cigarettes now on the market, and there is the further difficulty caused by frequent alterations in the quality of goods without a corresponding alteration in price. But would it not have been possible to vary the duty on manufactured tobacco within certain broad limits, thereby not saddling the cheaper makes with the same duty as the better brands? The deliberate selling of goods at a loss in order to kill competition or to establish a new brand, of which mention is made in the Objects and Reasons attached to the Bill, seems to us to be a matter which solely concerns those who see fit to come into the market on that basis. It scarcely appears to be an adequate reason for legislative intervention, unless of course, it results in loss of revenue to the Colony. There is one further point, which concerns foreign residents particularly. The new Bill provides for a system of drawbacks on re-exports, but it would be interesting to know the contemplated procedure to be adopted in the case of persons desiring either to send cigars to England or to take supplies on board ship, for their own use, when travelling Home. Will retailers no longer have bonded warehouses? If not, there would seem to be a distinct danger, in the circumstance cited, of a buyer having to pay two duties—one in Hongkong, and one in the United Kingdom.

Industrial Rebuff.

The great promise of the industrial peace movement in Britain, fostered by Lord Melchett in close co-operation with the General Council of the Trade Union Congress, has received a rude shock. The leading employers of the country, representative of all great industries, after serious consideration, we trust, has rejected the interim report drawn up last year by the Mond group of employers and the T.U.C., providing for the establishment of a National Industrial Council, which was to be composed of equal numbers of employers and representatives of the employed. The decision is one which will be deeply regretted as tending towards the destruction of a new development which was regarded as likely to become one of the greatest influences in the future course of Britain's industrial life. The proposals were that the N.I.C. should meet regularly to consider every possible question concerning industry and industrial progress, and that it would be empowered to form joint conciliation boards to avoid the outbreak of labour disputes which ordinary negotiating machinery had failed to settle. The T.U.C. has demonstrated its good faith in this matter over and over again in the past few months, and we trust, without great belief, that the decision of the employers will not be taken as a rebuff. On the face of things, it is difficult to see how this is to be avoided. At the present time there is a demand, and a reasonable one, for the voice of the worker in the control of industry, and yesterday's decision would seem to be a refusal to concede that right. The argument that has been adduced that the setting up of the National Industrial Council would probably interfere with machinery already constituted for settling disputes, must be fallacious since it was definitely understood between the parties that action should only be taken in the event of the failure of other machinery. Our conclusion at the moment is that the greater part of the good work accomplished last year has been destroyed, and we can only venture the hope that the damage is not beyond repair.

TOBACCO COMPANY SHARES.

THE LATEST LONDON QUOTATIONS.

The following Stock Exchange quotations were received by the British American Tobacco Co. from London to-day:

B.A.T. Co., Ltd., Ord. (£1 par) £6 10 7½.

I.T. Co. of G.B. & I. Ord. (£1 par) £6 13 0.

I.T. Co. of Canada Ord. (£1 par) £2 5 3.

Tobacco Securities Ord. (£1 par) £3 18 9.

Tobacco Securities Def. (5/- par) £1 8 1½.

DAY BY DAY.

A BAD ENDING FOLLOWS A BAD BEGINNING.—*Euripides.*

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Surgn. Lieut. J. G. Playfay, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., has been appointed to H.M.S. Cricket.

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H.E. the Governor is to distribute the prizes at King's College at 11 a.m. on March 5th.

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The Banque Franco-Chinoise has opened a permanent branch in Hue (the capital of Annam) as from to-day.

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An interesting ceremony is to take place on the Hongkong Cricket Club ground at 5 p.m. on Tuesday, when the band of the 1st Battalion Queen's Royal Regiment will beat "Retreat."

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H.M.S. Petersfield, flying the flag of the Commander-in-Chief of the China Station, arrived at Canton from Hongkong yesterday. H.M.S. Cumberland is due to arrive from Saigon this afternoon.

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According to a report made to the police yesterday by Li Po-nam, a shopkeeper of No. 156, Des Voeux Road Central, an accountant employed by him absconded on Monday last with $5,816.39.

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Five men, arrested in connexion with an armed robbery at No. 239, Portland Street on February 4, were formally charged before Mr. E. W. Hamilton at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning, and remanded for one week.

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A Vocal and Piano Recital will be given by Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Bowes-Smith and Mrs. A. Hargreaves-Browne at the Helena May Institute on Thursday, 21st February, at 5.30 p.m. Tea tickets must be booked by Wednesday.—*Advt.*

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A body, in an advanced stage of decomposition was picked up yesterday by a fishing junk No. 307HC, from Lamma Island. According to a report from the police, the body is believed to be that of a Chinese male victim of the Hsin Wah disaster.

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The Colonial Secretary's Office forwards a copy of a despatch from the Secretary of State for the Colonies regarding the ceremony held at the London Cenotaph on the anniversary of Armistice day. Hongkong was represented with the other Colonies.

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The three armed launches, H.M. Ships Nessus, Faulknor and Onslaught, arrived in Hongkong today from the West River. It is definitely stated that they are being permanently withdrawn from service and that the three ships will pay off in the next few days and revert to their original owners.

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An excellent system is being arranged by Messrs Caldbeck, Macgregor & Co., Ltd., in connexion with the forthcoming Spring Race Meeting, whereby wines, spirits and mineral waters will be delivered to the course so that members' tiffin boxes may be suitably stocked. Unconsumed stock will be collected at the end of the Meeting.

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The disabled transport Somersetshire arrived at Singapore yesterday, returning to port in consequence of engine trouble which developed when she was 700 miles out. The Doresetshire, which was proceeding from Colombo to Hongkong and was ordered to put into Singapore to take off the Somersetshire's drafts, has also arrived.

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Sentence of three months' hard labour and 15 strokes of the birch was imposed by Mr. E. W. Hamilton, at the Kowloon Magistracy to-day, on a Chinese who was charged with returning from banishment, the defendant having *been deported for ten years in* 1922. Defendant said he was asked to return by his father, but Sergeant Hargreaves informed his Worship that the defendant had told the police that his father died two years ago!

EXCHANGE RATES.

London, Feb. 13.

Paris	124.30
Brussels	34.92
Amsterdam	12.12¼
Berlin	20.46
Copenhagen	18.20
Vienna	34.545
Helsingfors	193
Lisbon	109¾
Bucharest	812
Buenos Aires	47.7/16
Shanghai	Holiday.
Yokohama	1/10.13/32
New York	4.85.13/32
Geneva	25.24
Milan	92.80
Stockholm	18.15
Oslo	18.19
Prague	164
Madrid	31.025
Athens	375
Rio	5.29/32
Bombay	1/5.31/32
Hongkong	1/11⅞
Silver Spot	25⅝
Silver Forward	25.13/16

—*British Wireless.*

THOSE KOWLOON TONG DOGS.

RESIDENT REPRIMANDED FOR LYING.

"I was somewhat loath to consider they were lying," remarked Mr. E. W. Hamilton, at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning, in referring to the numerous complaints from Kowloon Tong residents who, when charged with allowing their dogs to be abroad without muzzles, maintained that their animals had been in the garden and not on the public thoroughfare.

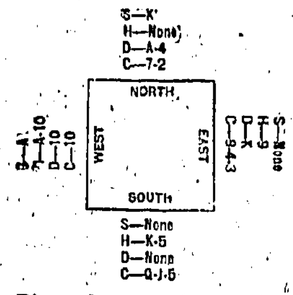
A Chinese lady, residing at No. 149, Kowloon Tong, was charged before his Worship with failing to provide her dog with a muzzle, and, after pleading that the muzzle had broke that morning, the defendant said the dog was not on the road but in the garden.

Sergeant Weymes, in evidence, stated that she saw the animal on the street.

In fining the defendant $10, his Worship said that she had probably read that half of Kowloon Tong had stated in Court that their dogs were in the garden, and she had gone to Court to tell a pack of lies about her animal being in the garden. She had made the offence twice as bad by going to Court and lying about it.

BRIDGE PUZZLE

BY FABYAN MATHEY.



Diamonds are trumps and South has the lead. North and South must win all five tricks.

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The Solution.

This problem requires a rather clever unblocking play for a correct solution.

South leads the queen of clubs, and North plays the seven. South next leads a heart, which North trumps with the four. North now leads the ace of trumps, and South discards his last losing heart. Now North leads the deuce of clubs, and South, with the jack and the five, finesses through East's nine and four.

The solution to this hand depends entirely upon North's unblocking of the club suit at the first trick. If North had played the deuce instead of the seven, East would defeat the problem by playing a low club on the fourth trick. South would then have been compelled to overtake the seven with the jack and lead the five to East's nine. Or, if South had failed to overtake, West's ace of spades would have taken the final trick.

HARMSTON'S CIRCUS.

ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL SHOW.

Harmston's Circus again delighted a packed house last night when the opening programme was repeated, with all its attendant thrills.

One of the best items was the appearance of the educated cockatoos. A miniature circus in themselves, these birds have been taught to ride see-saw, pull a toy ricksha in which one of their number was a passenger, and perform other stunts with a skill which enraptured the audience.

Providing a number of rare sights, the Circus should continue to be a strong attraction during the remainder of its season here. It is located on the Praya East reclamation.

H. E. the Governor, Sir Cecil Clementi, went to Cheung Chau on Tuesday and visited Cheung Chau Government School in the afternoon. His Excellency wrote in the school visitors' book.—"Visited and inspected the school this afternoon. I was shown all over the building by the Headmaster, Mr. Hon Kau-fang, and I was very much pleased with all I saw. The school was in vacation at the time, so I did not see the pupils. The school building is far the best in the New Territories, and sets a standard which I hope to see elsewhere. I wish this school all success in the New Year."

The Very Idea!

Infant hospital patients transferred from one institution of the Liverpool Guardians to another are in future to be labelled on the leg, like homing-pigeons, to obviate mistaken identity.

This decision has been arrived at in consequence of a mother taking a two years' old boy from the Wavertree Cottage Homes after his transfer from Alder Hey Hospital and keeping him for ten days before discovering that he was not her child.

She reported the mistake, and was greeted in the nursery by her own son's cries of joy at seeing his mother.

At a meeting of the Guardians the chairman said that the labels attached to the clothing of the transferred children were accidentally changed, but it was impossible to account for the wrong identification. The practice was now to be adopted of writing the names of the infants in marking ink on tape and stitching it around their ankles.

A Voice: Like so many pigeons.

"Personally, I am amazed," continued the chairman, "that any mother should be unable immediately to identify her own child at the age of two years, especially when, as this mother did, she visited it during the sickness. Every mother should know her own child."

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A Hawick girl went to domestic service in a North of England town. Her mistress asked her if she knew such-and-such a person who lived in Hawick. The Hawick girl did not. Other persons were mentioned, and as the girl confessed her ignorance of their identity, the mistress expressed surprise.

The Hawick girl flared up. "Dae ye think that Ha'ick's a' up ae close?" she said.

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[A new experiment is being tried with coloured signal lights to hold up or release traffic at certain authorised crossing places in London.]

Sing a song of Londoners,
Duly trained to wait
While the roaring traffic stream
Rushes past in spate.
When the signal's given
The roadway may be crossed
If it is their lucky day
Not a life is lost.
The constable controlling
Gives the word to go.
Drivers all get on with it
As quickly as they know
The poor pedestrian, dithering,
Loses all his wits.
Down comes a motor-car
And smashes him to bits.

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Constable at Richmond—The prisoner, who was drunk, said he would give me a bucket of whisky if I would take him home.

The first 12 months of married life are the most difficult. It takes a little time to shake down. —Mr. Halkett, the Marylebone Magistrate.

He came into the police station and said he had come to see the 'boys in blue," said a constable at Lambeth when a man was fined for drunkenness.

Man charged with drunkenness at Tottenham—A man said to me "This is the season of peace and goodwill, so come and have a drink," and I did. The Magistrate—And you are here as a result.

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Replying to the toast "Edinburgh Corporation" at the annual supper of the Metropolitan Masonic District Bowling Association, Councillor Fergus Harris told the following story:

He was walking down the High Street one day after presiding at the Police Court when a man whom he did not recognise said, "Good morning, Bailie. Ye ken me?"

"I'm afraid I don't know you," said the Bailie.

"Oh! aye, ye ken me; remember ye fined me 10s. the other morn for being drunk and incapable?" said the man.

"Yes; I remember now," said the Bailie. "What about it?"

"Weel, I told the wife it wis a pound ye fined me, and spent the other 10s. on whisky," said the man, chuckling.

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A new and unexpected patron of broadcasting made a public appearance during the transmission of a Mozart Symphony from the Wellington Hall, Belfast, a few days ago (writes the Broadcasting correspondent of *The Wireless World*).

Half-way through the piece a large and well-fed mongoose ambled on to the platform, and, after stropping his whiskers in perfunctory fashion, stepped down and disappeared beneath the seats in the auditorium. Fortunately, the audience were so engrossed in the music that the unusual visitor remained unnoticed, otherwise the microphone might have passed on some queer interpolations not included in the Mozartian score.

The mongoose was one of a number which are kept at the Wellington Hall to wage war on rats.

SUNDAY CARGO PROSECUTION.

CHINA MERCHANTS COMPANY CASE FAILS.

COMPLETE DENIAL.

The prosecution having found that Mr. Tsai Tsze-tsin is the manager of the local branch of the China Merchants Steam Navigation Company, the case against him for allowing cargo to be worked on board the s.s. Tai Shun, on Sunday January 6, without a permit from the Harbour Master, was continued before the Hon. Commdr. G. F. Hole, R.N., at the Marine Court this morning. Mr. M. K. Lo, for the defendant, pleaded not guilty.

It will be recalled that at the previous hearing on January 25, his Worship dismissed the summons on the ground that no definite name was specified on the charge sheet. L/Sgt. Went, for the prosecution, was then unable to give the name of the manager of the local branch and no-one came forward as the agent of the Company.

Mr. Lo, in his opening statement this morning, said that he had a preliminary point to make. He reminded his Worship that, because no definite name was specified on the charge sheet, the latter dismissed the summons, holding that it was the fault of the prosecution for issuing irregular summonses.

Mr. Lo then cited cases at the Central Magistracy when complainants are absent. He said that when the time came for a case to open, if a complainant did not turn up and the magistrate found that the case was not very important, the magistrate usually dismissed the summons. He added that even though the prosecution issued irregular summonses, defendants, under any circumstances must be present.

No Case.

In that particular case, if his Worship adjourned the case, the charge was open to amendment. He was not trying to evade the charge. He therefore, submitted that the case should not be adjourned but dismissed.

L/Sgt. Went in the witness-box repeated the evidence which he gave at the previous hearing. He said that he was on duty on No. 8 Police Launch on Sunday, January 6, patrolling from east to west, when he noticed several coolies carrying boxes and sacks on board the s.s. Tai Shun. He went on board with his coxswain and they were met by a quartermaster, who was on duty at the gangway. Witness asked him where the compradore was, and was told that Nos. 1, 2 and 3 Compradores were ashore. Witness then went up to the bridge to see the captain, and asked the latter whether he had a Sunday cargo-working permit on board and the captain replied in the negative.

What was Found.

Continuing his evidence, Sgt. Went said that whilst talking to the captain he saw two coolies carrying a four-gallon jar. Together with the captain he left the bridge to find where the cargo was being stowed. A member of the crew named Tong Chang, who claimed to be the owner of the goods, took them to where the goods were stowed He found the cargo in a corner of the hole, under the crew's quarters. The three boxes he saw brought on board, he found to be filled with sugar, and the three sacks with cocoa-nuts. Witness said the four-gallon jar contained salted vegetables.

Mr. Lo, in cross-examining witness, said that he wanted to make the position quite clear. All witness saw taken on board were three boxes, three sacks and one jar. They were all claimed by a man named Tong Chang, who on witness' own admission was a member of the crew.

Mr. Lo's Queries.

Mr. Lo asked if it was not a fact that when a ship loads or unloads cargo, the comparadore must be present to sign receipts, etc., and asked if it did not seem peculiar that none of the compradores were on board at that time. He supposed that witness made enquiries about the ship and asked if witness knew when she arrived and when she sailed.

Sgt. Went said he knew that the ship arrived on Sunday, but he did not know when she left.

Mr. Lo went on to say that as far as the Company was concerned, no cargo was taken on board on Sunday. One of the crew might have taken the goods on board but they were his own personal luggage. As it happened, the Company had very little to put on board, and what they did want to put on board could have been done in less than a day. The ship did not sail until Tuesday and that was in the afternoon. They could have done everything on Monday or Tuesday morning.

His Worship, after due consideration, dismissed the summons.

NEW TERRITORIES ROBBERY.

HOUR'S RAID ONLY YIELDS SMALL HAUL.

FAMILY BOUND UP.

Five robbers, who last night entered a hovel occupied by a peasant and his family in the New Territory village of Lok Lo Ha, made but a very poor haul when they took away property valued at only $16.

The peasant with his family, comprising the wife, two sons and a daughter, had got into bed, when the door was forced open and a man appeared in the doorway. Roused from sleep, the peasant's first impulse was to make a bolt from the hut, but he was restrained by four other men who had followed the first robber into the place.

Using an electric torch, the leader of the gang took in the situation and ordered his fellows to bind up all the members of the family. He then asked for the keys, having a vague idea that there was money to be got somewhere in the place, and was not to be convinced when the peasant explained that he was only a working man and was without a cent at the moment.

The brandishing of a chopper taken from the kitchen not having any effect on the victim, the robbers proceeded to turn the hut literally inside out. They did not discover any money, and in default of something better they took away two bed quilts and a suit of dark blue cotton, the whole being valued at a trifle under $20.

The five men spent a whole hour in the hut before making their escape.

As soon as they could free themselves from their bonds, the victims ran to what is known as the Nine-Mile Gate, situated near the village, where they informed the watchman on duty. Shortly afterwards, the watchman called up the nearest Police Station by telephone, and the pickets on patrol duty were advised of the robbery.

No arrests have been effected.

FANLING GOLF.

A.H. FERGUSON QUALIFIES FOR CAPTAIN'S CUP.

In the play off for the Captain's Cup (January,) A. H. Ferguson qualified with a score of 75—3=72. D. J. Gilmore returned 85—11=74 and K. S. Robertson 84—6=78.

Seventeen pairs entered in the fourball foursomes played at Fanling on February 10—12. The winners were:

C. E. Holmes and F. A. Merry ..... 73— 5=68

Other Scores:

Col. Bostock and Major Beamish ..... 74— 5=69
H. U. Ireland and A. T. Lay ..... 77— 7=70
E. D. Lawrence and L. G. S. Dodwell ..... 75— 3=72
R. Young and A. T. Lay 76— 4=72

The mixed medal round and the tombstone competition held in connexion with the Fanling China New Year meeting were both cancelled owing to insufficient entries.

The Adamson Cup.

The Adamson Cup (Junior Section competition) played at Happy Valley, February 1—12, resulted in H. Hampton qualifying with a score of 87—23=64.

Other scores were:

A. E. Clarke ..... 86—18=68
G. McLeod ..... 91—22=69
A. J. W. Dorling ..... 88—16=72
T. Young ..... 92—18=74
E. M. Hanley ..... 93—18=75

There were fourteen entries.

In the final tie for the Adamson Cup, 1928, W. H. Edmonds beat P. Morrison 2 and 1 over 36 holes.

LAWN TENNIS.

OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP STARTS.

The annual championship tournaments organised by the Hongkong Cricket Club were started yesterday afternoon when three games were decided in the Open Doubles event and two in the Singles.

There was little to enthuse over in the opening day's play, the only match which was worth watching being that between the Chinese pair, Ng Sze-kwong and Ho Ka-lau and the Japanese couple, T. Imura and H. Yoshida. The latter found their opponents far superior and lost in straight sets.

A closer match was that between V. Yvanovich and C. Barretto and A. H. Crook and Dr. Montgomery. The game went the full distance, the Recreio players qualifying for the second.

The full results of yesterday's play were as follow:

Open Singles.—J. G. Lawrie beat W. B. Cornaby, 1-6, 6-4, 6-1, 6-1; Iu Tak-cheuk received a walk over from K. T. San.

Open Doubles.—Ng Sze-kwong and Ho Ka-lau beat T. Imura and H. Yoshida, 6-3, 6-1, 6-3; V. Yvanovich and C. Barretto beat A. H. Crook and Dr. Montgomery 6-3, 3-6, 6-3, 0-6, 6-2; Y. Sajiki and T. Isomura beat E. Railton and C. Pile, 6-0, 6-1, 6-4.

Club Championship.—S. E. Green beat H. V. Parker, 6-0, 6-1.

VATICAN AND THE LEAGUE.

BRITISH FOREIGN SECRETARY QUESTIONED.

ISSUE IS PREMATURE.

London, Feb. 13.

Replying to questions in the House of Commons, Sir Austen Chamberlain, Foreign Secretary, said he had not any official information that the new Vatican State intended to apply for membership of the League of Nations, and it would be quite premature to state the attitude of the British Government to an event which was so absolutely hypothetical.

He did not think he could pledge the Government not to take such action as it thought proper as a member of the League.

Sir Chamberlain was asked if it had not been made clear that the Pope was not seeking any association with the League.

He replied that he understood this was so.

Sir Austen added that he was unable to say whether the Treaty between the Pope and the King of Italy would necessitate any changes in the diplomatic relations between this country and the Vatican.—*British Wireless.*

ENGLAND FREEZES!

(Continued from Page 1.)

The Scheldt at Antwerp is thick with floating ice, and numerous buoys have been carried away. The Dutch shipping authorities have removed illuminated buoys in their territory and navigation is suspended during the night.—*Reuter and British Wireless.*

Colder to come.

London, Feb. 13.

Cold weather is predicted. Railway and road traffic in Britain, as on the Continent is seriously delayed. A number of deaths from cold have occurred.

The Trocadero restaurant, in the West End, was damaged by fire early this morning. The intense frost froze the water from the hoses, and icicles hung from the burning building. The pavements and roadways were converted into a skating rink.—*Reuter.*

Traffic Much Impeded.

London, Feb. 13.

Heavy snowfalls in Scotland and Wales have greatly hampered communications. The London to Glasgow express was delayed owing to freezing of the water in the railway troughs, and on its arrival ice which had collected between the coaches had to be broken through before they could be separated.

At Penydroes, near Carnarvon, a passenger train was snowed up throughout Monday night. Frozen points delayed rail traffic in many parts of the country.

Road traffic is much more seriously disorganised. The inhabitants state that the conditions near Stranraer are even worse than during the great blizzard of 1895.

In South Wales many motor bus services have also been suspended, and numerous accidents due to skids on icebound roads occurred yesterday, while scores of vehicles were abandoned in snowdrifts.—*British Wireless.*

STRANDED OFFICER RESCUED.

LIEUT. HANCOCK TO GO BACK FOR THE OTHER.

MORE EVACUATIONS.

New Delhi, Feb. 13.

It is learned that Flying Officer Davis, one of the Royal Air Force officers, who was stranded in Afghanistan on the forced landing of one of the big trooping aeroplanes, has been brought safely to Peshawar by air by Flight-Lieutenant Hancock.

Lieutenant Hancock, it will be recalled, landed to pick up the stranded officers, and on being surrounded by tribesmen signalled accompanying planes not to descend. There was talk of ransom, but it would now seem that the difficulty has been overcome.

Hancock's machine is only capable of accommodating two, and Flight-Lieutenant Chapman, who was in charge of the wrecked machine, will be fetched shortly.

In the House of Commons today, Sir Austen Chamberlain gave details of the evacuations from Kabul by R.A.F. Machines between December 23rd, and February 11th. British subjects, 216; Afghans, 32; French, 11; Germans, 34; Italians, 4; Persians, 19; Syrians, 5; Turks, 43; Americans, 1; Rumanians, 1; and Swiss, 1.

Two hundred and eighty of these were women and children.—*Reuter's American Service.*

EUROPEANS CHASE THIEF.

RAN INTO ARMS OF CONSTABLE.

Sentence of nine months' hard labour and twenty strokes of the birch was imposed on a Chinese, at the Central Magistracy this morning, when the man was convicted, before Mr. R. E. Lindsell, on a charge of robbery with violence.

The defendant attacked an amah in Babington Path, and, in order to get at the woman's ear-rings, which were of jade and gold, he pushed her down and pinned her to the ground.

A European couple happening to come upon the scene promptly gave chase and the defendant ran into the arms of a Shantung constable. The European, however, did not accompany the party to the Police Station.

Charged with the offence, the defendant pleaded guilty.

HARBIN EXCITEMENT.

DRUNKEN RUSSIAN FIRES A REVOLVER.

Harbin, Feb. 13.

Yesterday, an intoxicated Russian, named Manokonoff called at the Soviet Consulate and demanded an interview with the Consul General at the same time drawing a revolver.

He fired twice, without inflicting any casualties, and was disarmed by the staff, and arrested by the Chinese authorities.—*Reuter.*

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THIRD TRUNK CIRCUIT.

Manila, Feb. 11.

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Direct service with both San Francisco and Berlin has been in operation for more than a year, so that this instantaneous link between South America and the Far East is the third of the series.

The service is to be opened to the public at 5 p.m. to-day, and messages filed for transmission at that hour will reach Buenos Aires at 5 a.m. on the same date, well in time for delivery at the opening of the business day.

Similarly, messages filed at Buenos Aires at the close of the business day, will be on hand for delivery in Manila at the beginning of the following business day.

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STEAMER MOVEMENTS.

The Dollar Liner President Pierce, which left Seattle on January 26th, is expected to arrive here on Friday afternoon. She will sail the following day, Saturday, Feb. 16th, for Manila.

The Dollar Liner Ruth Alexander, which is replacing the President Adams, is scheduled to sail from Kobe on Feb. 15th, arriving in Shanghai Feb. 18th and sailing on the 20th. This steamer will arrive at Hongkong at 7 a.m. on Saturday, Feb. 23 and will continue her trip round-the-world on Sunday, Feb. 24, at 8 a.m.

The Dollar Liner President Taft sailed from Seattle on February 9th and is due to arrive at this port on March 1.

The American Mail Liner President Madison leaves Manila on Saturday, Feb. 16 at 4 a.m. She is due back here on Monday, Feb. 18th, 8 a.m. and will sail on Tuesday, Feb. 19th at 6 a.m. for Victoria and Seattle, via Shanghai and Japan.

The American Mail Liner President Jackson, which sailed from San Francisco on February 1st, left Honolulu on the 7th inst., on schedule, and is due to arrive here, via Japan and Shanghai, on Monday, Feb. 25th.

The P. and O. liner Khiva, from Singapore, is due here on Saturday at 10 a.m.

The Ben Line s.s. Benvannoch, from Home, Straits and Philippines ports, is due here on the 21st inst.

The Empress of Asia, which left Hongkong on the 23rd January, arrived at Vancouver on the 9th February.

DOLORES DEL RIO.

IN KONRAD BERCOVICI'S STORY.

The daughter of a wild bear tamer is the latest role of Dolores Del Rio, who may be seen from to-day to Saturday at the Queen's Theatre in "Revenge." Based upon Konrad Bercovici's "The Bear Tamer's Daughter," the story tells the love adventures of "Rascha," and of how, after many thrilling and dramatic incidents have taken place, her flaming spirit is finally subdued by her lover who has for many years been the object of her intense hatred. The story is one of a hundred surprising twists and ends in a totally unexpected manner. It is said that the star of "Resurrection" and many other noteworthy productions is at her best in this picture which has been produced without thought for expense. "Revenge" has an excellent supporting cast including James Marcus, Leroy Mason and Rita Carew, and was directed by Edwin Carew who also directed several of Miss De Rio's earlier pictures.

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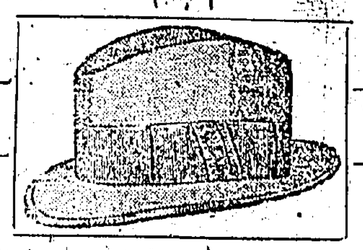

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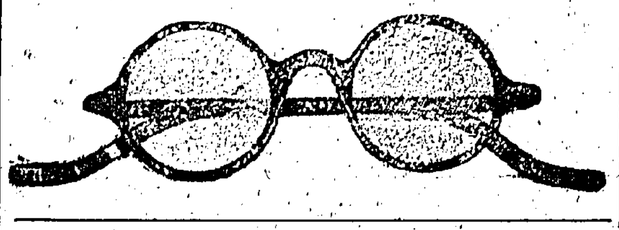

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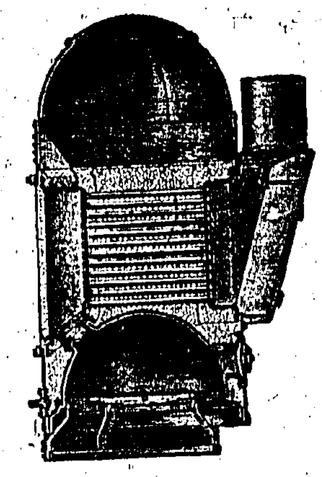

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SHANGHAI DEFEAT CHINESE.

JUST GET HOME IN GAME OF EIGHT GOALS.

DRASTIC ALTERATION.

[By "Wanderer."]

SHANGHAI 5 CHINESE 3

It has often been suggested of the Chinese that they cannot fight back from a losing position, but in this Interport game they set out to disprove the assertion, and not only wiped off a two goal deficit, but with the slightest luck when they were definitely on top for a period might have earned a victory. In this critical period for Shanghai, David again brought off a series of magnificent clearances, while on one occasion Suen Kam-shun was wrongly pulled up for offside when he had only the goalkeeper to beat.

Shanghai re-asserted themselves in the last twenty minutes, scoring three goals while the Chinese responded once.

Drastic changes were made in the Shanghai team, the line-up revealing no fewer than seven alterations from the eleven which went down to Hongkong. The difference was most marked, and while it must be borne in mind that the opposition was of entirely different calibre, the Shanghai display generally was such as to indicate that Monday's team was not the most dependable they could have placed in the field.

Shanghai's Forwards Brighter.

The Shanghai forwards took the eye from the outset, when it became obvious that their fast, clever and combined attacks would take some stopping. Curiously enough, the only player who did not impress in spite of his scoring the first two goals was Favacho, the only forward who played against Hongkong.

The principal danger came from the left wing where "Torry" Wilson and Jones combined splendidly, the former's centres being models of accuracy. In the centre, Costa held his line together nicely, while his great speed and smart dribbling gave the Chinese forwards much to ponder over.

For the first five minutes FAVACHO was something like his normal self, and he cut in from a nice pass by Pote-Hunt and beat Pau Ka-ping with a rasping shot, while the latter saved brilliantly a similar shot from Wilson some few minutes later.

The first big effort from China was sponsored by Suen Kam-shun, who also applied the final touch, a fast low shot which David got down to only with the greatest difficulty and was somewhat lucky to get away. Moore saved a certain goal after a brilliant run down by Chan Kwong-ui, turning the ball out of the goalmouth with Suen and Wong Pak-chong a yard away.

With ten minutes to go in the first half, FAVACHO took advantage of a defensive error and headed a centre from Wilson past Pau.

Two Goals Down.

Two goals down, the Chinese appeared not a whit discouraged, and they ventured to meet Shanghai at their own game, concentrating on attack and leading the Shanghai defenders a lively dance. Read tried to stop the elusive Ip Pak-wa over-robustly, and from the resultant free-kick, FUNG KING-CHEONG received and defeated David with a lightning cross shot. Soon afterwards, David saved magnificently from Suen Kam-shun, the interval arriving with Shanghai holding a barely deserved lead.

The early part of the second half was distinguished by brilliant work in the Shanghai defence, Palmer and Duffy being extremely prominent. Shanghai twice essayed raids which nearly resulted in goals, but the first should have been stopped at its inception as Duffy palpably handled. The other consisted of a magnificent solo effort by Costa, who eluded several tackles, but ended with a weak shot. Even then it seemed a goal, Pau being beaten, but Lau Mau scooped the ball from the line miraculously.

In the next minute, Suen Kam-shun was pulled up for offside when ideally placed, but Capt. Austen apparently did not observe Duffy standing practically on the goal-line near the corner flag. Duffy cleared another strong Chinese attack with Fung and Suen in close attendance.

Extraordinary Incident.

Then followed an extraordinary performance. David was penalised for "carrying" and several minutes were wasted while Capt. Austin was convincing the Shanghai players that the rules required them to stand ten yards from the ball if they remained in the field of play.

The two teams lined up in front of the Shanghai goal much in the style of a penalty at hockey, and SUEN burst out of the ranks when the ball was middled and scored easily. Shanghai were strong in protest of the circumstances in which the goal was scored, but had they known the rules of the game, the danger would have been lessened considerably. There was nothing to stop them covering the goal-line.

Further goals came quickly after this Shanghai set-back. COSTA restored the lead from a corner which Pau had no reason to concede, and JONES carried on a centre from Wilson to further improve the Shanghai position.

The best goal of the match came ten minutes from the end, IP PAK-WA accepting a pass from Suen and running clean through the Shanghai defence, evading several tackles, defeated David with the utmost coolness. POTE-HUNT added for Shanghai near the end by following up a ball which seemed to be passing out of play and scoring with a great shot.

Ground Passing.

The strength of the Shanghai team on this occasion was again the half-back line. Moore, Gash and Duffy were strong in all departments of the game, and if it be said that Gash was rather overshadowed by the men on either side of him, it is indeed a high compliment to his partners. The forwards were plied with snappy and accurate passes, which moreover, were invariably along the ground, and in such circumstances, it is small wonder that the advance guard was always in the picture.

Behind them, Read and Palmer were sound backs, though one could never be sure whether Read would get the ball or not. Palmer played a masterly game against Fung and Chan Kwong-ui, tackling with delightful coolness, and leaving the work of distribution to his half-backs by well judged kicking.

The Chinese suffered the absence of several of their leading players, and it was hardly a representative side that was doing duty. The forwards worked hard, but Wong Pak-chong in the centre was a great failure. He could neither keep the line together, nor essay anything like a dangerous shot.

Wong Shui-wa worked gallantly in the pivotal position, and behind him, Ng Kam-chuen kicked and tackled with brilliance. Lau Mau also did well. Pau was scarcely his usual self.

The teams were:—

Shanghai:—David; Read, Palmer; Moore, Gash, Duffy; Favacho, Pote-Hunt, Costa, Jones and Wilson.

Chinese:—Pau Ka-ping; Ng Kam-chuen, Lau Mau; Leung Wing-tak, Wong Shui-wa, Li Ting-sang; Chan Kwong-ui, Fung King-cheong, Wong Pak-chong, Suen Kam-shun, and Ip Pak-wa.

LEAGUE CRICKET.

THE ROYAL NAVY DEFEATED YESTERDAY.

In a League cricket match played on the Navy ground at King's Park yesterday, the R. E. and R. Signals defeated the Navy second string by 85 runs.

Taking first knock, the military team compiled 121, of which Lt. Col. Wyatt made 62 and L/Cpl. Penny 24. Of the Navy bowlers, Mne. Trussler had the best average, taking three wickets for 11 runs. Gregory captured five wickets, conceding 52 runs.

The Navy with one man short could do nothing with the bowling of Durand and Lt. Col. Wyatt, making only 36 runs in all, of which 14 were byes. L/Cpl. Durand captured four wickets at a cost of nine runs, and Lt. Col. Wyatt took five for 13.

HOCKEY MATCH.

The Kowloon British School Former Pupils' Association met and defeated the Kowloon Indian Tennis Club in a hockey match yesterday afternoon in King's Park. Whitley (2) and Pearn scored for the winners.

SHIP ENGINEER'S CLAIM.

(Continued from Page 1.)

as Capt. Inglis had said that what information he obtained came from the second engineer.

Continuing, Mr. Macnamara stated that a curious feature of the case was that Capt. Inglis said on the reports of the second engineer he was dissatisfied with Mr. Demee's work, but it was the second engineer who eventually got the money which would ordinarily have been paid to Mr. Demee. That money was paid to the second engineer, and he was to pay a certain amount to the fourth engineer.

"I say it is a most improper thing to accept the report of a sub-officer against the plaintiff and then to go and pay over the money to that same sub-officer, coupled with an obligation to pay someone else, which matters very little."

Mr. Macnamara then produced a certificate of character which was given to the plaintiff by Capt. Inglis himself on the occasion of the plaintiff's discharge at the Shipping Office on October 18.

Giving evidence, Mr. Demee said that from August 4, 1928, until October 17, 1928, he served as third engineer on the s.s. Seistan of which Capt. Inglis was the master. He said his claim was based on the supposition that Capt. Inglis received $400 Straits money from the charterers at Singapore to be distributed among deck and engineer officers. Plaintiff thought that half would be due to the deck and half to the engine room, and he was entitled to $30 per month.

Asked by Mr. Macnamara if there was any reason why Capt. Inglis should have withheld his (plaintiff's) share, plaintiff replied that there was absolutely no reason at all. Capt. Inglis had made no complaint at all about his (plaintiff's) work. His character described both his abilities and general conduct as "Very good."

Honest and Sober.

Plaintiff also put in a testimonial fom the Chief Engineer which stated that plaintiff was an "honest, sober and reliable engineer."

He had asked Capt. Inglis for the money when at Singapore and he had then replied "leave it to me." On a second occasion, at Hongkong, when asked to pay, Capt. Inglis said "your superior told me not to," after which he drove away in a taxi.

Cross-examined by Mr. Hugh Jones, plaintiff said it was the custom on the China coast for charterers to give a bonus to the master to be distributed among deck and engine room officers. He understood that the captain received $180, chief officer $60, second officer $30, chief engineer $80, the remainder getting smaller sums.

Mr. Hugh Jones put it to witness that the chief engineer received $35, the second $20, the third $15 and the fourth $10, making $80 altogether.

Plaintiff said that he was entitled to $30.

Irregular Wages.

Mr. Hugh Jones:—Why did you leave?—I left because the wages were very irregular. I joined the ship on August 4 and I did not get my pay until September 7. I asked the second engineer to speak to the captain about it. The second engineer came back and said the captain would scrape a bit here and a bit there to make up my monthly wages.

Will you accept it from me that he advanced the money out of his own pocket?—That I can't say, because I don't know whether he did or not.

On August 10 you asked the captain for money?—No.

You had only been in the ship a week before you started to ask for a bonus?—That is not true.

Nature of Claim.

Mr. Hugh Jones said that he was considerably embarrassed by the change of front on the part of the plaintiff in stating that the money was claimed as "had and received." He had understood it to be a claim as a bonus by way of remuneration for wages.

Mr. Macnamara stated that on January 10, he wrote a letter to Mr. Hugh Jones making it clear what the nature of the claim was. He did not see how Mr. Hugh Jones could complain in any way of being taken by surprise.

His Lordship remarked he thought that that was all that need be said about it.

Mr. Hugh Jones pointed out that the bonus was not contained in the Articles. When the plaintiff left the ship he had acknowledged that he had received everything that was due to him.

Mr. Hugh Jones then asked the plaintiff:—"Supposing your services had been satisfactory do you think the captain would be entitled to withhold the bonus?"

Plaintiff replied:—"I don't think he is entitled to hold it. He should return the amount to the charterers."

Not on Speaking Terms.

Continuing, plaintiff said that the captain and chief engineer were not on speaking terms all the while he was on the ship. All orders between them were given in writing. Notwithstanding that, however, the chief engineer received his bonus. Plaintiff said he believed that the chief engineer would make a claim for more at a later date.

Mr. Hugh Jones:—Do you know that the report from the second engineer on your services was unsatisfactory?—I know nothing about it. We worked very well together in the engine room.

Naturally the master of the ship never sees the engineers officers at work?—The engine room is in full charge of the chief engineer and if anything goes wrong it is up to the chief engineer to make a report to the master.

If the master was not on speaking terms with the chief engineer, it would be quite natural for him to get his information from the second engineer?—Yes, most probable.

Replying to his Lordship, plaintiff said that he was born in Hongkong and was 37 years of age. The Seistan was his second ship under charter. He served on a previous ship for exactly a month after which he was transferred to another ship operated by the same company. As third engineer he received a bonus of $30, but he could not say who fixed the amount.

Some legal argument then took place, and his Lordship reserved judgment.

SIM SHIELD MATCH.

ARMY BEAT THE CLUB IN A FAST GAME.

The Army beat the Hongkong Hockey Club by four goals to one in a Sim Shield match played on the U.S.R.C. ground at Kowloon yesterday. The Navy and the Army have now played three matches each and won two, while the Club, in their two Shield matches, have been beaten by the Navy and the Army. Results of the previous matches were:

Army	3	Navy	0
Navy	2	Army	1
Navy	2	Club	1

Yesterday's game was played at a fast pace and the Army soon opened the scoring. Breaking away in the first ten minutes the Army forwards went down for Dobbie to score. In the next few minutes a corner led to Kenley putting the Army further ahead with a nice shot. The Club made many attacks on the Army goal but the forwards were unable to finish off their movements. While they played the short passing game the Army men played a more open game, trusting to their speed rather than to the exercise of science to keep them in the lead.

The Club pressed strongly in the first quarter of an hour of the second half and soon succeeded in reducing their opponents' lead. Divett took a pass from Dand and sent square across the goal for Francis to score an excellent goal. At this stage the Club men were more in the picture and looked like levelling matters up but promising movements were spoiled by the weakness of the forwards in front of goal. The Army scored two further goals in the closing stages of the game through Wernicke.

Tait played an excellent game in the Club goal, while the Club halves worked hard behind forwards who were too often ineffective. The Army defence was very steady, while Greig the Army captain was the pick of a sound half back line.

WEATHER FORECAST.

The Royal Observatory reports that the anti-cyclone over China and N.E. Mongolia has strengthened slightly. Fresh to strong monsoon may be expected along the North China Sea.

Shanghai's thermometer at six a.m. showed 36 degrees as against 56 degrees in Hongkong.

The forecast till noon to-morrow is:—North or North-East winds, fresh; overcast.

Kowloon C.C. v Hongkong C.C.

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The Harbour Office reports this morning gave 11 arrivals and 14 departures, with British seven and six respectively, leaving 79 vessels in port, of which 26 were British. Tonnage was fair and British vessels carried cargo of a total of approximately 12,000 tons.

Among the passengers leaving yesterday by the Empress of France were Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Chandler, Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Gledhill, Mr. G. Hogg, Mr. and Mrs. M. D. G. Hoare, Mrs. A. W. Juster, Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Lowson, Mr. and Mrs. R. M. McLay and Capt. and Mrs. G. Shaver.

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Sadie Morton also had another name. The name was entirely Sadie's own idea. "MAE DE MARR," she called herself.

Anyhow, as Mae de Marr, she inspired considerable Don Quixotic chivalry in the heart of the rich and famous Mr. Hart. Mr. Hart had actually given her a cheque for $10,000, with which she rented and furnished a lavish apartment and bought herself clothes to gladden the heart of a chorus girl. His interest, by the way, was entirely high-minded. He had, you see, so much money he hardly knew what to do with it.

"Mae" proves an unappreciative little wretch and threatens him with breach of promise. Hart reveals the whole astonishing story to Ashtoreth.

She gets permission from the office manager, and they take a taxi to Mae's apartment.

CHAPTER V.

The apartment lobby was white and sparkling. There was a fountain in the centre, with gold fish swimming ornamentally, as though they were getting paid for it. And palms that reared tremendous fronds, and looked artificial, the way palms always do.

"Dreadfully ornate and fearfully expensive," reflected Ashtoreth.

The elevator was a golden cage, manned by a dour Ethiopian in green livery. Descending from it at the moment was an expertly enamelled and very fancy lady, with a small white dog. The lady wore sables. And the dog a red sweater ornamented with a number of bells.

A woman, with a black Pomeranian, rose from a huge chair. And the two met in the middle of the lobby. As they moved, strong perfume was wafted from their furs. They walked uncertainly, on very high heels.

They were going out to exercise the dogs, who immediately rose on their small back legs and began to whine and bark shrilly and pull on their respective leashes.

"Some class," said Sadie, and gazed at the foursome admiringly. "That Pom cost $700, and she feeds him on chicken livers and grade a cream. They've the best apartments in the house—those two. That's summer ermine on the blonde, Ash. It looks like canaries' breasts, don't it?"

Ashtoreth elevated her little chin.

"I guess," she observed, "we all come pretty near earning our money. And that goes for your fat friends, too, Sadie."

"Oh, well." Sadie shrugged her narrow shoulders. "It's all in the way you look at things, I suppose. Come on and see the love nest."

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It was on the third floor front—Sadie's apartment—overlooking the avenue. She threw the door open proudly and, running in, switched on the lights. Mauve and purple and periwinkle.

Ashtoreth stood in the middle of the room. There were heavy curtains drawn across the windows, and an odour of stale incense hung like a dark cloud over the place. The furniture was heavy and expensive. And there was a dreadful abundance of lamps.

"Well, ain't it some little cabin?" demanded Sadie exultantly, pulling a silken tassel that hung beneath a rose shade that looked like a huge inverted mushroom.

There were mulberry hangings and plump satin pillows, and foot rests with fat cushions. Ashtoreth felt a sense of oppressive luxury and thought that such a room must make a woman lazy, surfeiting her with indolent ease.

"Wouldn't your mother just love it, though!" Sadie was saying. "I thought of her when I bought that velours suite, Ash. Overstuffed, just like your mother loves. And that's a sort of velvet tapestry on the back. It's real refined, I think."

"Oh, my!"

If Ashtoreth's exclamation was ineffectual, Sadie probably laid it to awe.

"Just as soft as moss," she murmured.

And indeed it was. So, for that matter, was the divan. And so were the chairs.

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"Sit down," instructed the complacement little hostess. "No—look in the bedroom first. It's just like the movies."

She led the way in.

"Adorable!" she finally cried. "I never saw such a darling place in my life."

There were cigarette stubs in the kitchen sink and on the electric range. A dirty saucepan on the table and a percolator streaked with coffee. Soiled dishes were piled on one side, streaked with egg yolks, and cold, fat bacon.

"It's sort of messy," apologized Sadie. "Look, dear, did you ever see an electric cocktail shaker? If I got any of that gin left we'll have a little drink, and you can see how it works."

"Oh, no, thank you," Ashtoreth protested hastily. "Honestly, I don't care about cocktails. Besides, I have to go back to the office."

"One cocktail won't hurt you."

"But I don't like them, Sadie."

"Personally," Sadie said, "I'm just about passing out. There's some anchovies in the ice chest, Ash. And some cavier. Get some crackers off the shelf there."

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But Ashtoreth had wandered into the living room. Books, she reflected, were conspicuously absent. Though there were magazines on the table behind the divan. Moving picture magazines and "confessions."

"I'm going to write my life story," announced Sadie, coming in with goblets and a shaker on a tray.

Sadie took a carton of cigarettes from the table drawer.

"Did you read," she giggled, "about the movie actor who said his most embarrassing moment was when he took the blindfold test, and the guy forgot to kick him?"

"Talk about embarrassing moments! My heavens, Ash, I never was so embarrassed in my life as when I burst in on you and little pal, Holly."

She drained her glass and lit a cigarette.

"What had he been telling you, dear? You musta vamped him."

Ashtoreth flushed.

"It was strange," she confessed, "because honestly, Sadie, he never saw me until yesterday. I went in to take some letters and he happened to notice my ring. He's interested in antiquities."

"'Antiquities?'" cut in Sadie. "What's that?"

"Oh, old things—he's awfully keen about archaeology."

"Archo—what?"

"The study of old things," explained Ashtoreth. "Ancient peoples and their customs, and arts."

"Oh. And how long since you been studying this arche-business?" demanded Sadie suspiciously.

Ashtoreth remembered her all-night session with Cleopatra and the list of the Pharaohs.

"I don't know much about it," she confessed, with a maddening little air of superiority, so that Sadie could hardly have guessed how little she did know. "But my name, you see, is Egyptian, and I suppose it rather interested him. Did you know"—and Ashtoreth gloated just a little—"that mother named me for the moon goddess of Egypt? Mr. Hart seemed to think it was a beautiful idea."

"Yeah!" Sadie scoffed. "And what a joke that used to be before you got a boss that's awf'lly keen about archaeology." There was a day, Miss Ritz, you didn't have such regard for your mother's romantical nature. However, let bygones be begones, as the poet says.

"Well, he noticed my ring, and then he commented on my name. And pretty soon we were sort of chatting—you know how it is."

"Yes, I know," agreed Sadie dryly. "And pretty soon he asked you had you a date for dinner."

"Oh, no!" Ashtoreth assured her hastily. "He gave me some letters, and that was all there was to it. Then this morning he called me in again—he'd just had your letter, Sadie—and it was natural enough, really—he was curious. He asked me what I thought of it."

"He read you my letter!"

"Why, yes. You see, he didn't imagine that we knew each other. It—well, truly, I hadn't thought of it as unchivalrous or anything like that."

"No? Well, it wasn't your letter," observed Sadie.

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Her face was scarlet. She poured herself another cocktail, dropping her cigarette on the rug and twisting her toe on it angrily as she stood up.

"Honestly, Sadie, if it hadn't just happened that the girl he showed it to was I, and the girl who wrote it was you, you'd never have thought a thing about it."

"Well, maybe I wouldn't. Go on—what did he have to say? Told you I was blackmailing him, I suppose?"

Ashtoreth coughed.

"Well, weren't you?" she demanded.

(To Be Continued.)

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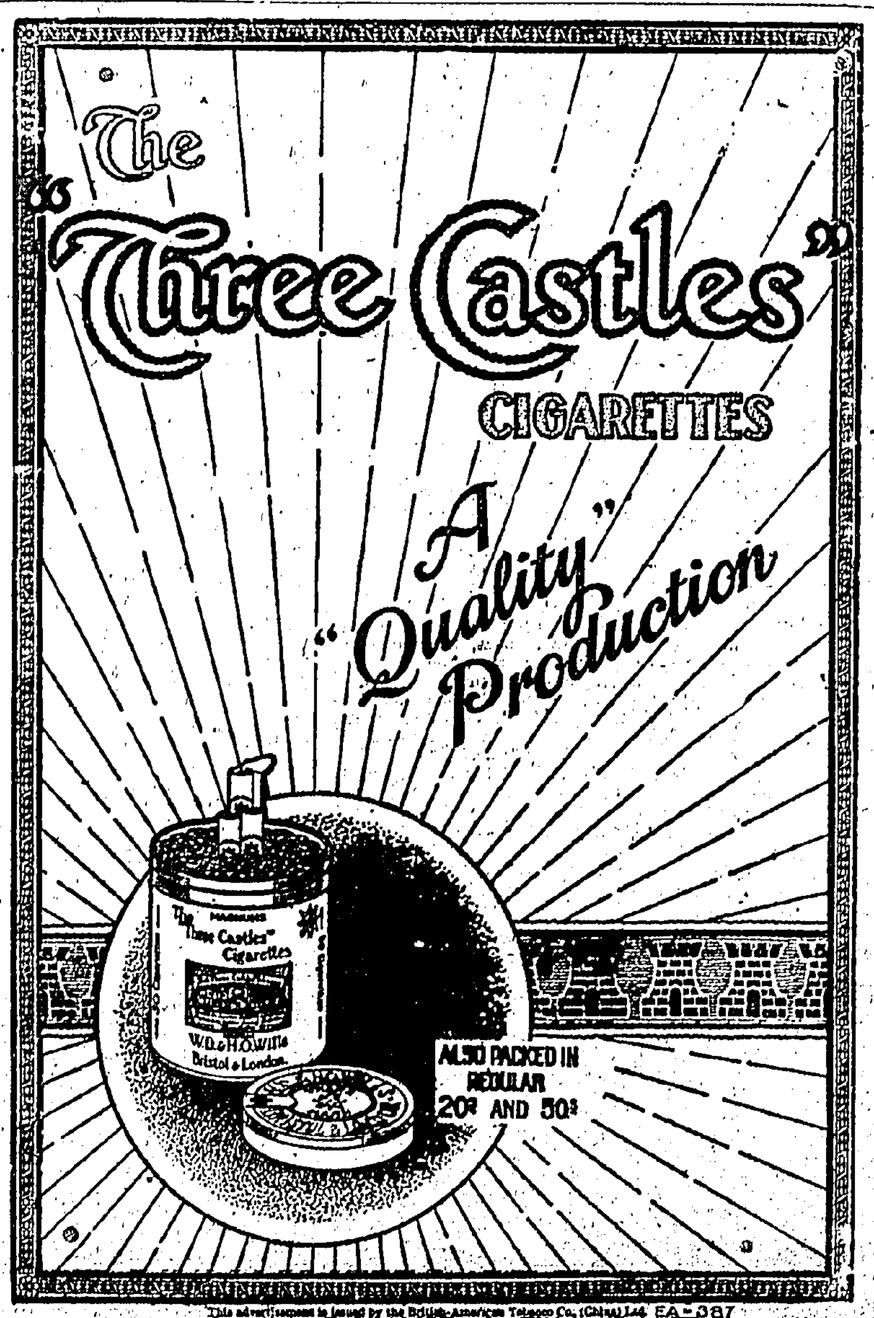

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LECTURE BY FATHER GALLAGER.

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who could so endow a nebulous mass with the laws necessary to produce the world as we have it to-day, with its myriad different forms shows as great, if not greater intelligence than one who could create each one separately. Evolution only proves all the more conclusively an intelligent design. Science, to explain transmission of light, posits what is called ether. Scientists have never seen ether and can only conclude to its presence from the effects. They have no doubt of that presence. Similarly psychologists see in the soul the only adequate explanation of the concepts, ideas, judgments and reasoning powers of man. Two Chinese, two Frenchmen, two Englishmen, two South Sea Islanders discuss the same thing. The brain reactions are in all four cases different, yet the resultant concept is in all four cases the same e.g. concept of beauty, of goodness. The concept is not a measurable thing. It is immaterial, spiritual. Hence the faculty which produces it is immaterial, spiritual. The cause cannot be of a lower order than the effect which it produces. I make up my mind to do something. The act of my will is not measurable, hence the faculty which produces is not a material faculty. These faculties are but the manifestations or accidents, of an acting principle. As the principle cannot be inferior to its faculties, the principle or soul is immaterial. Being immaterial it is without parts and consequently cannot reproduce itself. Therefore, each individual soul must be created, because though immaterial it is contingent and that brings me to the second part of my argument.

Matter is Finite.

Matter is finite in extent and in time, for matter is a measurable, ponderable, changing thing.

If measurable, then there must be some limit to its extent. It does not militate against the fact to say that we cannot fix the limits, or that, because it is so vast, we, with the puny instruments at our disposal, may never be able to reach the limits. It is measurable.

The planets, suns, stars, nebulae, comets, meteors can be counted. They are a number and are consequently finite. There is no such thing as an infinite number, for you can always add one to it. Here again it does not signify how great the number may be. It in itself can be counted. It is a finite thing.

The world is changing. The universe is changing. Being a changing universe that change must have begun in a measurable number of time-units, be they years, light-years, cycles of light-years; be they numbered in thousands or in, millions to the millionth power. That change *began.*

Because it began there must have been a time prior to that beginning—unless we say that the change began when the world was made—in which the mass which subsequently moved either did not exist or at least existed in a state of non-motion. What made it or what set it moving?

Not itself. There is no reason known to science why an inert mass should without external impulse move itself. Science knows that that does not happen. It knows further that it is precisely towards such a state—the state of stable equilibrium—that the universe is tending.

Hence if it moved, as it has moved, then the cause of the movement must have been something independent of the universe. That cause was either finite or infinite. If Infinite, then we have what we want—God. If finite then we only throw the question one step back, for if the cause is a finite cause, it is a contingent cause, which of itself demands a cause. We may go back as far as we like and as long as we like. The mind will never rest till it finds a cause which does not require another—a cause whose essence and existence are identical—a cause which must *be* simply because it is what it is—a cause which could not not-exist. Such is God.

Nothing to Fear.

God is infinite, immeasurable—not in the sense that we are unable to fix limits but a positively infinite being—without extension, without parts, immaterial, spiritual, whole in the whole universe, whole in every part of the universe, unchangeable. One—absolutely free to create or not to create, absolutely free to create this world or that, containing within Himself every possible perfection that it exists or could exist, Eternal.

Extent means nothing to God. Time means nothing to God. God is like a lofty mountain by the side of a mighty river. The river flows on but the mountain remains unchanged. Time co-exists with God. Time began and God is, time will pass and God is. It does not matter how long the river of time may take to pass. God is. He casts over the river and He knows all things. From eternity before the river began to flow He knows Himself, and knowing Himself knows all.

Human minds may think of God, may know God, may reason about God, but only the mind of God Himself can comprehend God.

God created the world, God created man. Religion began with the creation of man. Man has not changed in his relation to God. He is still God's creature. God does not change, and hence the relation between man and God is now what it was at Creation's dawn. No development of science can alter that except in so far as to bring more clearly before the eyes of man, as the centuries roll by, the wonderful power of God.

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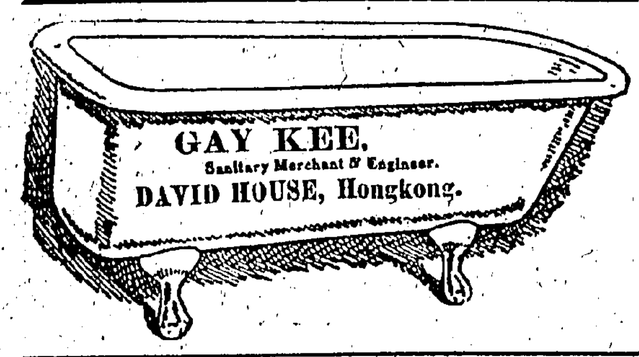

NASTY EXPERIENCE.

CHINESE VISITOR ATTACKED BY ROBBERS.

Philadelphia, Feb. 13.

Yai Lo, who is here studying stock exchange methods on behalf of the Chinese Government, has been severely beaten by robbers, and sent to hospital where fifty-five stitches have been put in his head.—*Reuter's American Service.*

THE LATE CAPTAIN SPARKE.

LARGE ATTENDANCE AT THE FUNERAL YESTERDAY.

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There was a large attendance, including several members of the Chinese staff of the San Nam Hoi. Among those present were Mr. and Mrs. G. W. May and the Misses Thelma and Norma May, Mr. Soo Shou-nam (owner of the San Nam Hoi), Mr. G. Williams (Chief Officer, San Nam Hoi), Mr. M. F. Houghton (Chief Engineer, San Nam Hoi), Mr. Yee Fai-hing (compradore), Capt. T. T. Laurenson (representing the China Coast Officers' Guild), Capt F. Baylis (Superintendent of the Sailors' Home), Capt. Collum (s.s. On Lee), Capt. Campbell (s.s. Sai On), Capt. McKechnie, Capt. R. D. Thomas, Messrs. Cornwell (s.s. Sai On), Dwyer, Morgan, C. W. Bird, I. B. Warren, D. MacGillivray, F. W. Stapleton, Horst, D. H. Blake, and many others.

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Baritone, Dick Francis.
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"Absence,"
"In This Hour Of Softened Splendour,"
The Salisbury Singers.
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10.10 p.m. News Bulletin.
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BISHOP'S DEATH.

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London, Feb. 13.

The death has occurred of the Bishop off Chichester.—*Reuter.*

[The Rt. Rev. Winfrid Oldfield Burrows, D. D., Bishop of Chichester since 1919, was born in 1858, and was educated at Eton and Oxford (Corpus Christi and Christ Church), where he had a very distinguished term with high educational attainments. He became a priest in 1888, and was made Archdeacon of Birmingham in 1904, which position he held for eight years. He was Bishop of Truro from 1912 to 1919. His Publications included "The Mystery of the Cross" (1896).]

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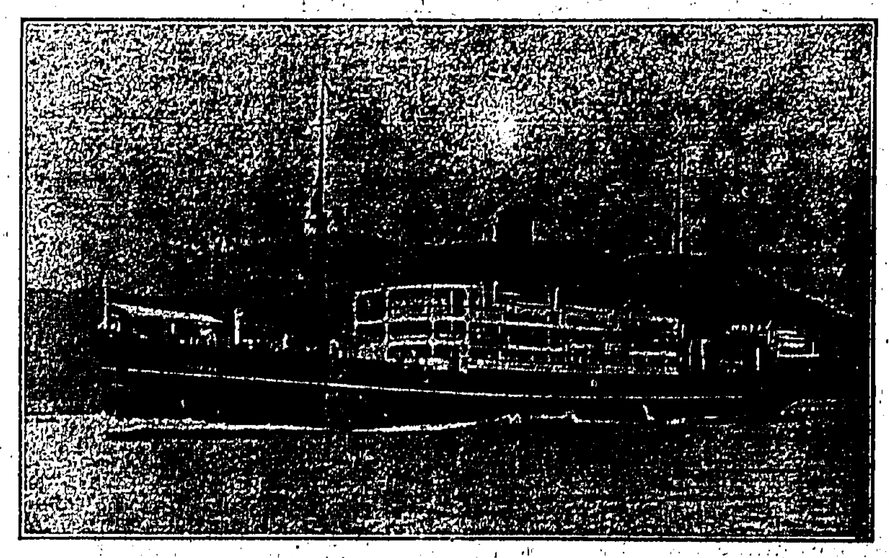

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LABOUR OUTBURST AT MELBOURNE.

INDIGNANT PROTESTS IN ASSEMBLY.

MR. BRUCE INSULTED.

Melbourne, Feb. 13.

Loud shouts of "Bushrangers are gentlemen compared with you!" were raised by the Labour members in the Assembly to-day when Mr. Bruce, the Premier, unsuccessfully invoked the rules of procedure to prevent the Labour Party from moving the publication of the arbitrators' award in the postal workers' dispute, which the Government proposes to disallow on the ground that the Arbitrator was mistaken and that Parliament is the final arbiter.

The Government barely escaped defeat. The Labourites accused the Government of seeking to smash this particular award which was against the Government, while insisting that the timber-workers should obey theirs.

The vote on the motion was equal, 35 to 35, the Speaker's casting-vote saving the Government from defeat.

There was a nasty incident in Melbourne to-day, arising out of the timber-workers' strike, which started on February 8th, following their refusal to accept a 48-hour week instead of 44-hours.

A number of strikers to-day stoned the driver of a timber waggon. One of them was arrested after a long chase, during which the police fired over the head of the fugitive.

Eleven firms in Sydney are advertising for free labour.—*Reuter.*

THE KING STEADILY IMPROVES.

FURTHER RAY THERAPY TREATMENT.

London, Feb. 13.

It is officially announced at Craigweil House, Bognor, that the King has had a good day and that His Majesty's condition continues satisfactory.

Doctor Howitt and Doctor Woods, who applied ray therapy treatment to His Majesty at Buckingham Palace, visted Craigweil House this afternoon and again administered the treatment. It is learned that the Queen hopes to go to London next week to visit the British Industries Fair.

Reuter understands that His Majesty's progress is such that he is now able to read occasionally. He is on ordinary diet, and takes plenty of nourishment.—*Reuter and British Wireless.*

THE REPARATIONS PROBLEM.

GERMAN DELEGATES MAKE SUBMISSIONS.

London, Feb. 13.

The Committee of Experts on Reparations sat for two hours this morning in Paris. An official communique issued at the conclusion of the session stated that, in response to the Committee's request, Dr. Schacht and his colleagues of the German delegation submitted observations upon certain points regarding Germany's economic situation as set forth in recent reports of the Agent-General for Reparations.—*British Wireless.*

RUBBER SHARES.

HOW QUOTATIONS NOW STAND.

Messrs. Carroll Bros. have been advised of the following quotations on rubber shares:

Allenbys	$2.25
Alor Gajahs	1.40
Ayer Moleks	1.95
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Bassetts	1.00
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Changkat Serdangs	5.35
Connemaras	2.05
Glenealys	2.00
Indragiris	8.05
Jerams	1.50
Jimahs	2.05
Kedahs	3.00
Kuala Sidims	3.50
Lunas	2.15
Malaka Pindas	2.05
Mentakabs	0.55
New Serendahs	3.30
Pajams	2.25
Punggors	0.90
Sandycrofts	1.85
Sungei Bagans	3.50
Tapahs	2.20
Tambalaks	1.00
Teluk Ansons	2.30

The price of raw rubber is now 11¼d. per lb.

London, Feb. 13.

Liverpool, playing at home to-day in the First Division of the Football League, went down unexpectedly to Manchester United, who won by three goals to two.—*Reuter.*

TUG DISASTER SEQUEL.

WERE NATIVE CREW RESPONSIBLE?

COUNSEL PLEADS IT WAS AN "ACT OF GOD."

OPPOSITION TO BAIL.

Rangoon, Jan. 25.

Mr. Justice Carr had before him to-day the application of Ally Moah and thirteen others for bail in the case pending against them, the charge being one of manslaughter in connexion with the death by drowning of Captain Pennington and Mr. Phillips, Chief Engineer of the tug Ngatsein which foundered in the Gulf of Martaban recently.

Mr. Vakharia made the application which was opposed by Mr. Gaunt. Mr. McDonnell held a watching brief for Messrs. the I. F. Company who owned the tug.

Mr. Vakharia stated that the petitioners formed part of the crew and were being charged with manslaughter for not assisting the Captain and Chief Engineer when they fell into the Gulf of Martaban. He gave details of the foundering of the ship and went on to say that the only witness was Mr. Phillips' servant.

Not to Blame.

These men got into the boat on the orders of the Captain who with the Chief Engineer and the boy jumped into the sea. It was alleged that the Captain said "boat lau" and that the boat was not brought back. He would prove that his clients were in no way to blame for the tragedy.

Counsel proceeded to read the evidence given by the boy and continuing stated that the first question to be considered was whether the evidence of the boy alone was sufficient to convict his clients. There was no corroboration of his story. It was well-known that Madrassis of the lower type were liars and also this man had a grievance against the accused. There was no deliberate intention on the part of his clients not to take the boat back.

"Act of God."

The drowning was an act of God. The boat could contain more than fourteen men and the Captain and Chief Engineer could have helped them had they been in the boat. Was it not possible that the boat could not get clse up to the wreck? It must be remembered that there was no motive at all. Furthermore the Captain and Engineer were loved by the men and therefore was it possible that the crew would deliberately desert them?

It was said that the ropes of the life-boat had been cut off. That was a reasonable thing to do. If the ropes were not cut off there was the possibility that the boat might have gone down when the tug went down. It was also alleged that when the Captain ordered the life-boat to be brought back the crew did not obey him. That was very natural.

Stormy Weather.

The weather was stormy and the waves high and furthermore the Captain and the other two had been sucked in. It was not to be expected that the serang would take the boat into the depression and also be sucked in.

Was there not justification for the fact that the serang was right in not risking the lives of fourteen others to save three when circumstances such as he had related existed? Counsel also emphasised the fact that the tide was against the boat. He submitted that no case of murder or culpable homicide had been made out and no jury, he was sure, could convict his clients on the evidence of one man alone.

Counsel's Query.

Counsel was a swimmer and if he went for a swim in the Rangoon river with a friend and the latter drowned would Counsel be charged with manslaughter because he was unable to render any assistance or was afraid to render assistance knowing the treacherous nature of the river?

His Lordship said one could understand the risks in a case of the type illustrated. But what was the danger in the case under argument?

Mr. Vakharia said that the waves were very high.

His Lordship replied that that would only last a few minutes.

Bail Opposed.

Mr. Gaunt said that the act of the accused was deliberate and there was sufficient evidence to prove that fact. It must be remembered that it was very easy for the crew to disappear or to tamper with witnesses, and that was not desirable.

Mr. Vakharia replied that Mr. Gaunt was drawing on his imagination when he said his clients would tamper with witnesses. There was only one witness. In regard to his statement that the accused might disappear he said that his clients were willing to give substantial bail. There was also an absence of motive.

Decison was reserved.

CHEFOO POSITION TENSE.

THIRD DIVISION JOINS UP WITH INSURGENTS.

DEFENCE MEASURES.

Messages received from Chefoo by the naval authorities this morning state that the Third Division has hoisted the white flag and joined up with the Fourth Army. This force is now at Pehma, about ten miles south west of Huangshien.

The loyal portion of the Second Division at Tengchow has now moved to Fushan, and General Liu Chen-nien is preparing an outpost line some ten miles east of Tengchow.

General Liu's defences also include a strong line of trenches with barbed wire and field guns extending from the beach about five miles west of Chefoo to the surrounding hills.

Chefoo, Feb. 13.

Liu Chen-nien has decided to put up a fight against the insurgents, who are led by Shih Shu-chun, a former brigade commander under Chang Chung-chang.

If plans mature, fighting is expected in the vicinity of Chefoo during the next few days.

Looting is feared, and local merchants are panic stricken.

Liu Chen-nien is reported to have requested Chang Chung-chang to mediate, but Chang has refused, and it is believed he is behind the present movement against Liu.—*Reuter.*

THE SINO-JAPANESE DEADLOCK.

WILL THE NEGOTIATIONS BE RESUMED?

Shanghai, Feb. 13.

The Chinese Foreign Minister, Dr. C. T. Wang, who had decided to return to Nanking to-day, has postponed his trip at the last minute upon a request from the Japanese authorities who have urged him to remain in Shanghai for a few more days. In some quarters the belief still persists that there is a possibility of resumption of the negotiations with Mr. Yoshizawa.

At noon, Dr. C. T. Wang had lunch with Mr. Yoshizawa, when the latter expressed his intention of reopening negotiations in Nanking as soon as fresh intructions are received from Tokyo.

From a foreign source it is stated that the breakdown in the Sino-Japanese negotiations is not at all unexpected and that the deadlock will considerably affect the present situation in China.

U.S. "BIG NAVY" GROUP HAVE THEIR WAY.

PRESIDENT COOLIDGE SIGNS CRUISER BILL.

Washington, Feb. 13.

President Coolidge, in spite of his objection to the time-limit clause embodied, to-day signed the Bill providing for the construction of fifteen 10,000-ton cruisers and one aircraft-carrier.

The warships are to be laid down within three years.—*Reuter's American Service.*

BOLTON MILLS TO GO ON SHORT-TIME.

BALLOT FAVOURS REDUCED OUTPUT.

London, Fed. 13.

The ballot of the Bolton Master Cotton Spinners Association, following the recommendation that the output of the Egyptian section should be reduced by thirty-three per cent., resulted in support for the Committee.

The decison affects 50,000 workers.—*Reuter.*

Shanghai, Feb. 13.

The President of the National Government, Marshal Chiang Kai-shek, still remains in Shanghai. To-day he conferred with Mr. T. V. Soong, the Finance Minister, at latter's residence.

Surgn. Lieut. J. D. Sayers has been appointed to H.M.S. Hermes and Surgn. Lieut. W. C. Munro to H.M.S. Herald.

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